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When Donald Trump is elected president, he promises iPhones will be made in America. While even his supporters would admit this is a bit of a stretch, even for Mr. Deal

Maker himself, a good chunk of people like the sentiment. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders too has gotten traction from promising to bring back manufacturing jobs. Both say they would impose taxes on incoming goods.

The good news is that manufacturing is already making a comeback. Not only have foreign automakers been building plants here but now so are smaller Chinese manufacturers looking to reduce the time it takes to get products into the hands of consumers. Though iPhones are not assembled here, some of their components, such as the Gorilla Glass screens, are made in America.

In fact, manufacturing added 245,000 jobs between 2014 and 2015. On top of that, in January of this year there were 326,000 manufacturing job openings unfilled.

One of the big reasons for those unfilled positions is the the gap between job skill requirements and the skills of the applicants. Trump's promise about iPhones goes to the heart of the matter. Manufacturing today is a technical field. As technology reshapes our phones, our cars and our homes, it reshapes the manufacturing workplace too. A strong back isn't the asset it once was. If we can't fill 326,000 jobs now because our country doesn't have the technical skills needed, how are we going to start making iPhones?

The other factor ignored by Sanders and Trump is that more and more manufacturing is done by machines. Is it really a win for the American manufacturing worker if manufacturing returns to America but with few jobs for humans? And it's just not happening here. It's happening in China and Mexico. Automation is going to continue. Advances in artificial intelligence and self-driving cars are going to further reduce the need for certain kinds of labor.

In fact, China is trying to change its economy from one based on making things to one based on consuming things. Why? It's a safer economy. Economies that rely on building things to export rely on other countries importing those things.

The solution has never been to return to the late 1800s with high taxes on imports that benefit large companies but hurt American consumers with higher prices. The solution has been to create products with more value added. More intellectual products. This continues to require a better education system — one for the actual 21st century, not the 19th century. We have a world out there with 6 billion potential customers. Why would we want to wall ourselves off from them? That doesn't seem like smart business.



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You, Hippo readers, voted in February in our annual Best Of poll, and the results are in. Find out who won what in all kinds of categories, from Best New Eatery to Best Place to Take the Kids. This year we also asked New Hampshireites whether you prefer cats or dogs — the winner of that battle is gracing the cover.



**ALSO ON THE COVER**, sure, you could go to the grocery store and pick up some chicken eggs — or you could get them from a local farmer. You can find duck and quail eggs right here in New Hampshire, too (p. 56). If you're looking for some live music to check out this weekend, check out our Music This Week listings, starting on p. 78.

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## Gatsas for governor

Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas, a Republican, officially threw his hat in the ring and declared himself a candidate for governor. He joins Executive Councilor Chris Sununu and State Rep. Frank Edelblut in the GOP primary. In a press release, Gatsas said the state needed strong leadership in Concord to battle the opioid epidemic, lower healthcare costs and create a better environment for economic development. In an interview with NHPR, Gatsas said he would work to create stiffer penalties for heroin and fentanyl dealers, such as charging them with attempted murder when connected to overdose cases. Gatsas also said he would defund Planned Parenthood, keep expanded Medicaid if New Hampshire taxpayers don't have to pay for it and lower business taxes. Others are still expected to join the race.

## No Shaheen bid

The daughter of Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, Stefany Shaheen, will not be running for governor this year, WMUR reported. Shaheen, a former Portsmouth councilwoman, came to the decision after months of speculation that began at the Democratic National Convention in September. A pro-abortion-rights group in Washington, D.C., had asked Shaheen to seek the corner office. So far, Executive Councilor Colin Van Osten and former securities chief Mark Connolly are the only Democrats running.

## Mount Sunapee plans

The proposed West Bowl expansion of the Mount Sunapee Ski Resort passed a major hurdle. NHPR reported that the resort won final state approval by the Department of Resources and Economic Development after a lengthy review period that followed years of legal fights and tussling with environmental groups. DRED made some changes to the expansion, which includes a new base lodge, lift and ski trails. It removed a ski trail, added an additional 10-year renewal option to the resort's lease and required the resort to transfer 150 acres of would-be ski trail land and 260 acres of undeveloped land to the state park. While environmental groups have long opposed plans

to raze sections of the forest they say contain valuable wildlife habitat, opposition has not abated with state approval. New Hampshire Sierra Club and other groups have called for the Executive Council to table the plan to give more time for review and public comment.

## Water tests

State officials say the tests of Merrimack's water supply show that chemicals known as PFOAs have appeared in levels ranging from 17 to 90 parts per trillion, short of the threshold set by the state to supply bottled water. In a press release, the Department of Environmental Services said it was providing bottled water to two families in town who had high levels of PFOAs found in their private wells. Investigators detected 820 ppt of PFOAs in one well and 350 ppt in another. DES said it would provide bottled water for households with more than 100 ppt of PFOAs. Federal regulators have not set a limit on PFOAs but the EPA has set a provisional limit of 400 ppt for short-term exposure. Little is known about the side effects these chemicals have on humans.

## DCYF case

The court case over recent toddler deaths may lift the veil that some say has shielded state social services from public scrutiny. The Union Leader reported attorney Rus Rilee, who represents family members of Brielle Gage of Nashua and Sadie Willott of Manchester — both toddlers who recently died allegedly at the hands of their mothers — says he wants to make the child abuse court cases public. Both Gage and Willott had abuse and neglect cases under review by the Division of Children, Youth and Families at the time of their deaths. DCYF is conducting an internal review while the state Department of Justice and an outside contractor conduct investigations of their own. But Rilee thinks the public would learn more about some of the potential missteps by DCYF if court cases like his are made open to the public, while keeping the identities of the minors confidential.

## Crossover week

Lawmakers in New Hampshire recently completed "crossover week," a process of finishing work

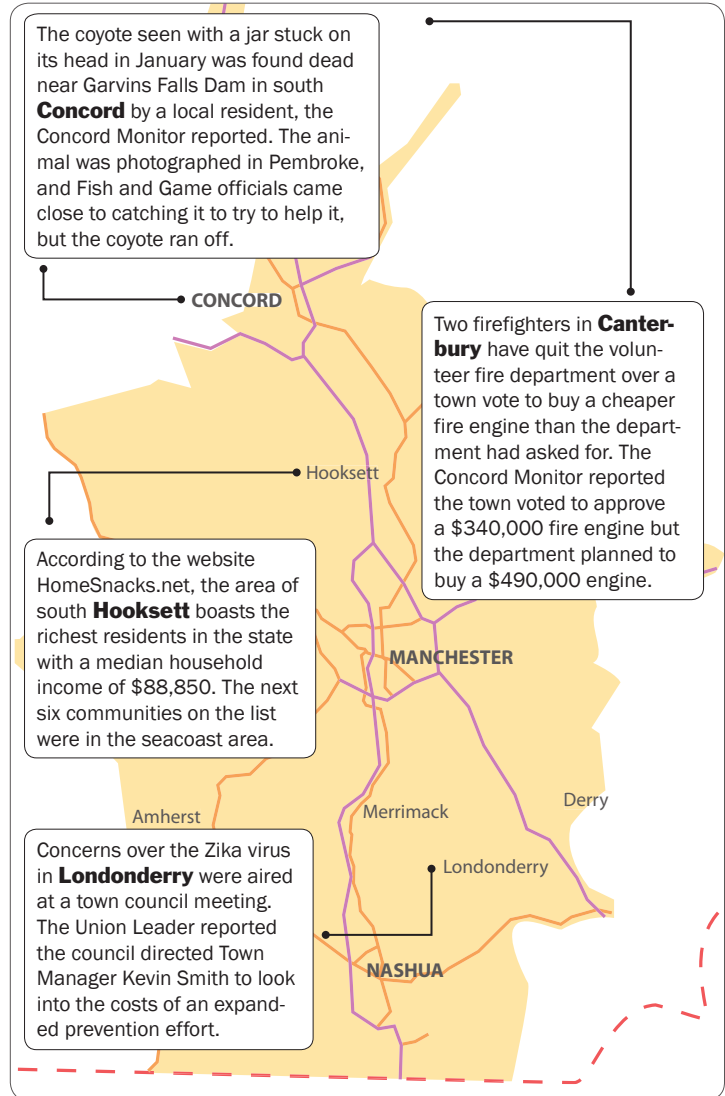
on bills in the House and Senate so they can be sent to the opposite chamber. The Union Leader reported the House worked to get through more than 55 bills while the Senate acted on nearly 70 bills. Most of the 1,000 bills lawmakers worked on this session were killed. The deadline for crossover is March 24.

## Spice/heroin mix

Manchester first responders are reporting a growing number of overdose cases involving a new cocktail mixture of opioids and synthetic marijuana, also known as spice. The Union Leader reported that six to eight overdose calls involved the mix, as did two overdose deaths in February. Not only does the combination pose serious health risks to the users, but first responders are reviving patients with Narcan only to deal with aggressive and psychotic individuals still affected by spice. Narcan only counteracts the effects of opioids. The "White Tiger" brand of spice has been seen at many overdose sites.

## Daniel Weeks

The head of the nonprofit Open Democracy and New Hampshire Rebellion has stepped down in order to pursue elected office. The Union Leader reported Daniel Weeks is running for Executive Council in District 5. The 32-year-old Yale graduate and Nashua resident was active during the New Hampshire primary season in his efforts to engage presidential candi-



dates on the issue of getting big money out of politics. Weeks is running as a Democrat against incumbent Republican Councilor David Wheeler, who is serving his fourth term.

## Voting video

The state's Department of Justice subpoenaed the conservative activist who created a video purportedly showing how easy it is to

commit voter fraud during the New Hampshire primary. NHPR reported that James O'Keefe, who made the undercover video — the latest of many — visited the Statehouse and was cornered by a state investigator who handed O'Keefe a subpoena for the unedited footage recorded at local polling places. O'Keefe had just dropped off the footage in the form of a hard drive at the governor's office. 🗣️

## BEST WEEK

### MANCHESTER CHIEF

Chief Nick Willard of the Manchester Police Department was named to a national task force that will seek to tackle the opioid crisis. NHPR reported he was selected by the National League of Cities and the National Association of Counties to be a part of the 24-member group. Willard is the only law enforcement member on the task force, which is made up mostly of mayors, commissioners and other elected officials. The group will create workshops for cities and counties dealing with the drug problem. The latest count by the state medical examiner's office reports 428 drug-related deaths occurred in 2015. Of those, 96 were in Manchester. There are eight cases still pending toxicology tests.

## WORST WEEK

### PEOPLE WITH ALLERGIES

While many Granite Staters may be enjoying the relatively mild March weather, it may not be good news for everyone. NHPR reported that warmer weather may trigger an early start to allergy season. Meteorologists say higher than normal temperatures have led to a high concentration of pollen in mid-Atlantic states. And they expect similar pollen concentrations to occur farther north through New York and up to New Hampshire and Vermont. Places with lower elevation will be more heavily affected, though New England will benefit from occasional rain showers and cold snaps, which can dampen the effect pollen has on humans.



# One last dance

## Instructor looks back as dance center closes

After nearly 20 years of operation, the Mill Around Dance Center in Manchester's Waumbec Mill is closing. The space that had been used for Zumba, step dancing, square dancing, swing dancing, yoga, Insanity exercise and more will be converted into office space. Line dance instructor Ginger Kozlowski has used the dance center for about a decade; her last dance there will be on March 26 at 7 p.m. Visit [linedancemax.com](http://linedancemax.com) for more info.

**Q:** *How did you react when you first learned the space was going to be closing?*

I was devastated. I had had a feeling that the day was going to come sooner or later because the place had been struggling for years, but you never really know for sure until it happens. I got an email from Norm Poisson, the guy who was the primary renter who runs the Mill Around, saying that it was going to close at the end of the month.



Ginger Kozlowski at the Mill Around. Courtesy photo.

*How long have you used the space?*

I have been teaching there for at least 10 years. It may go back a little bit farther than that. I started with beginner and intermediate line dancing classes on Thursday nights there and I would hold social line and partner dances on the weekend as well.

*What was the space used for?*

Norm, when he opened the hall, I believe he did it as a square dancing hall. He was a well-known square dance caller. ... And then when Zumba became a thing, I want to say four maybe five years ago, Gorica Santos started teaching classes there. ... At one point there were Irish step dancing classes there. But mainly, the biggest classes were the Zumba classes and the line dance classes.

*What are some of your fondest memories?*

I have many great memories of my years at the Mill. Great times with my friends, especially at Don [Carlton] and Dottie [Censabella]'s dances recently. But probably one of the greatest days was on Oct. 20, 2009, when I managed to gather together what seemed like hundreds of dancers from New England to perform on an episode of *Extreme Home Makeover* — the house they

fixed up [was] in Manchester. Because the family liked a country artist, they wanted to bring line dancers to the site to kick things off. I put out the call, and, boy, did people show up! That night, to celebrate, I hosted Cowboy Night at the mill to a full floor, and it was just so much fun. These days, there are dances that stick pretty much to country, and dances that mix it up, and people don't wear the cowboy duds quite so much. But that night, everyone was dressed up, looking great, having a wonderful time.

*Do you know of any other spaces or plans for a future space that can substitute for the Dance Center?*

That's the million-dollar question. All of us are looking for an alternative space to move to. The problem is it's hard to make very much money doing dance classes. I tried to make a living at it a couple years ago and I couldn't make enough money to do it because rent and insurance and music fees and whatnot are pretty hard to meet. So, wherever people end up would have to be a pretty inexpensive place to go. I don't know where you would find that around Manchester.

*When is your final class and what do you have planned for it?*

My final dance will be on March 26, starting at 7 o'clock. What I'm hoping is that anybody who's danced there and would like to get together and just sort of say farewell to the old place, hopefully get together with some friends who may not have danced for a while, but get together again one last time and share their memories of what it was like the past 20 years dancing at the mill. I would be happy to see line dancers, partner dancers, swing dancers, anybody. As a DJ, I would play whatever people requested.

— Ryan Lessard

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### Five favorites

**Favorite Book:** *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

**Favorite Movie:** *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy

**Favorite Musician:** Anything I can line dance to

**Favorite Food:** My own recipe for chocolate and vanilla marble cake

**Favorite Thing About NH:** It was always the dancing. Until I came to New Hampshire, I had never considered line dancing.



# Drug drop-offs and needle swaps

State considering new ways to deal with drug addiction

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The state is considering an unorthodox approach to dealing with drug addiction, as two bills being debated would ease up possession laws slightly in order to encourage addicts to turn in their illicit drugs or swap their dirty needles for clean ones.

## Drug take-back

Some police stations already post boxes for drug take-back programs in New Hampshire, but those are only for prescription drugs. A bill in the House would allow illicit drugs like heroin to be deposited in similar programs.

"I thought if we could make it available on an ongoing basis and included illicit drugs and paraphernalia, we'd get some of the needles off the street, some of the other paraphernalia off the street," said State Rep. Victoria Sullivan, the bill's sponsor.

Sullivan, a Republican from Manchester, says she has come around on supporting drug courts after not backing them originally, but she says drug courts still only target the people bargaining for their freedom.

"I want to have something for the people that wake up in the morning after a night of doing drugs and decide that that's the day they want to change their lives and they have some place to go to turn in what they have on them and get the help that they need," Sullivan said.

The bill she originally drafted would have



provided blanket amnesty from possession charges for those making deposits, but after some pushback from law enforcement, Sullivan tweaked the language so police could use their discretion when they levy charges.

"A lot of minds and hearts need to be changed on this, because they really did struggle with the amnesty portion of it. They thought I was presenting a bill that would legalize drugs, which isn't the case at all," Sullivan said.

Still, with shifting attitudes among members of law enforcement around prosecuting addicts, it's assumed they would largely turn a blind eye to those who want to drop off their drugs and seek help for their addiction.

"Change does not come quickly. So, sometimes we have to be happy with the

incremental changes that we can get," Sullivan said.

If the bill passes, it would also make it possible for drug take-back programs to crop up across the state and through nonprofits, according to Sullivan, which may prove to be an environment addicts will see as more safe from prosecution.

## Needle exchange

Another bill, along the same lines as the drug take-back bill, would let users off the hook from possession charges if they drop off used needles and syringes with trace amounts of a controlled substance in them.

Republican State Rep. Joe Hannon of Lee sponsored the bill.

"I was trying to make it easier for people to get clean needles and to allow syringe exchange programs," Hannon said.

Hannon is a physician and says he's doing this in an effort to curb the spread of dangerous diseases like HIV and hepatitis C through used syringes.

Needle exchange programs like those that exist in Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts are not allowed in New Hampshire because it's illegal to have a dirty needle, Hannon says.

"Even if someone wanted to safely dispose of the dirty needle, there's no minimum amount [of heroin] or residual amount that's allowed to be in a dirty syringe or needle. If there's any amount at all that can be detectable by any method, you can potentially do up to seven years in prison for a felony possession charge of heroin," Hannon said.

While law enforcement voiced some concerns about the bill, he is confident the bill will pass and they'll come around.

"They've grumbled in every state that's done this," Hannon said.

For those who suggest it's enabling addicts to use more, he said there's a lot of data that suggests that's not true. And, he said, it may save the state money on healthcare costs.

He says 70 percent of IV drug users contract hepatitis C after a year and about 15 percent get HIV.

Both bills passed the House, but the needle exchange bill was sent to the Criminal Justice Committee. It passed the committee unchanged with a tie vote and is scheduled to return to the floor for another vote. 🗳️

# High school negotiations

New deals for Manchester, Candia, Hooksett and Derry

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Manchester stands to lose \$1.6 million in tuition revenue as Candia students join Hooksett's, jumping on the proverbial bandwagon headed straight to Pinkerton Academy in Derry.

Recent town meetings resulted in that new deal between Candia and Derry, as well as an agreement between Hooksett and Manchester to maintain a relationship with few strings attached.

## No hurt feelings, right?

Hooksett, which already penned a deal with Pinkerton last year, voted March 8 on a new deal with Manchester — the school district with which the Hooksett School District severed ties in fantastic fashion, with lawyers

and joint meetings, choice words and heated tempers.

Hooksett was released from its contract with Manchester after it cited a breach on Manchester's part, in particular in the form of class sizes that had exceeded 30 students. When Manchester lost that battle, many lamented what seemed an end to a 100-year relationship. But there were many in Hooksett who wanted that relationship to continue.

Hooksett School Board member Amy Boilard said the same group who voted for the Pinkerton deal voted for this Manchester deal as well. On town meeting day, 460 voted in favor and 179 voted against the plan, which essentially restores a formal relationship between Hooksett and Manchester. The terms of the deal set tuition at the same rate as Pinkerton over a 10-year term with no minimum student requirements, so Hooksett can send as many or as few kids as it wants. Bus

service will also continue between the city and town.

According to Boilard, this vote is a sign that hurt feelings have begun to subside, and with recent changes in both school boards, old wounds have begun to heal.

"I think Manchester has a good product, and I think if they sell it to our community, they will entice students to attend," said Boilard, who sends her own daughter to Central High School in Manchester.

A minimum student requirement with Pinkerton does kick in on the fourth year of the contract, with a figure based on the three-year rolling average of freshmen electing to enroll at the Derry school.

Right now, about 50 percent of Candia's new high school students are going to Pinkerton, 40 percent to Manchester and the rest to other schools like Bow High School and Londonderry High School. While Boilard doesn't

think much will change significantly with this new deal, she thinks having school choice will be attractive to folks considering buying a home in Hooksett.

The full Hooksett School Board voted in favor of the plan, but Manchester still has to sign off on it.

## Candia moves on

In the meantime, Candia voted 1,090 to 113 in favor of a 20-year contract with Pinkerton. Prior to the town's voting, the Candia School Board, the Pinkerton Board of Trustees and the New Hampshire Board of Education each voted unanimously in favor of the agreement. But Candia is still in an active agreement with Manchester that began in 2003 and technically doesn't end until 2023. There is, however, an opt-out clause that Candia can make use of on June 1 of this year.

For Candia School Board Chair Nicole





The Pinkerton Building. Courtesy photo.

LaFlamme, breaking ties with Manchester is about doing what's best for the whole town.

"Continuing the alliance with Manchester would continue to hurt Candia as a whole," LaFlamme said.

She said the overwhelming reason people gave for voting in favor of leaving Manchester and sending their high school kids to Pinkerton instead was concern over the quality of education kids are getting in Manchester. Connected to that concern was a growing trend of families moving out of town or choosing not to move into town due to the contract Candia has with Manchester.

"We know for sure from Realtors contacting us, and we've had plenty of families contacting saying, 'We're not moving into this community because of the school,'" LaFlamme said.

Add to that a cheaper tuition offered by Pinkerton, and the town was on board.

"There were really no negatives to [the deal]. Reach as far as you want — you're not going to find a negative," LaFlamme said.

Now, she said, things in town will begin to settle, with less uncertainty over school quality.

"We'll stabilize tax rates. People will be able to sell their homes probably a little bit quicker. It's not the complete elixir, if you will, but it's going to be a help," LaFlamme said. "I think that developers are going to be more willing to look at the land here in Candia. There's not a lot, certainly, but there are a few parcels."

She's particularly excited about the possibility of new home construction.

"There hasn't been a new neighborhood in many years. I think '99 was the last time really we had a lot of building and it's just dropped off since then," LaFlamme said.

Still, the new deal won't kick in until fall of 2018, and assuming Manchester agrees to let their students continue classes there, Can-

dia would like to allow students who start in Manchester to have the option to graduate there.

### Queen of no kingdom

For a century, the Manchester School District received hundreds of students from at least four surrounding towns. Now, it's been largely abandoned in favor of new or existing high schools out of town. This means less money going into the district's budget.

Candia currently pays \$12,159.97 per student and has about 132 students in Manchester high schools (not including special ed students), according to LaFlamme. That's a total of about \$1.6 million, but LaFlamme says the tuition keeps going up as fewer students enroll in the district.

Manchester's Business Administrator Karen DeFrancis wasn't able to provide any hard numbers reflecting how the district would be affected by an exodus of Candia students starting in 2018. She said current budget projections are for the 2016-2017 school year.

"We would certainly look at the number of Candia students we have now and how it will impact us in 2019, but for next year's budget process ... this would not impact that budget," DeFrancis said.

Manchester's Superintendent Debra Livingston said she couldn't comment on the Hooksett deal as the Manchester School Board had not voted on it yet, but she said losing Candia would be bad for Manchester in more ways than just financial.

"Having Candia students as well as Hooksett and other surrounding districts in our schools has always been very positive," Livingston said. "While we understand that Candia has taken a new direction, we still feel our schools are great schools. We have a lot of innovative, positive things happening in our schools, and that will continue." ☁



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# QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

## Unemployment rate dips

New Hampshire's unemployment rate is already among the lowest in the country, but it appears to be dropping still. The AP reported the seasonally adjusted rate for February dropped to 2.7 percent, according to the New Hampshire Employment Security office. That's a decline from 2.9 percent in January and from 3.7 percent in February 2015. The national employment rate for February was 4.9 percent, a number that has budged only sixth-tenths of a percentage point from last year.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *The state estimates about 3,050 more people were employed in February than in January.*

## Hidden cost of the NH primary

More than a quarter of a million dollars in state money went toward security for presidential candidates campaigning in the state ahead of the February primary. The Concord Monitor reported the Department of Safety spent \$266,559 on security details between September and primary day. The unusually high number has been attributed to the large field of candidates who campaigned this season. Candidates Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Donald Trump and Ben Carson each received protection from the U.S. Secret Service, a level of security usually only obtained during a general election. State police aids the Secret Service with security whenever asked at no charge, leaving taxpayers on the hook.

**QOL Score:** -1

**Comment:** *That's not counting the cost of overtime for any local police forces helping the Secret Service.*

## Maple bust

During this year's Maple Weekend, March 19 and March 20, lots of New Hampshire maple syrup producers were readying to close up shop, after a winter that included several 60-degree days and a 70-degree day. It was the earliest start and could be the earliest end to the season in years, according to a recent Eagle Tribune article, cutting into profits for what is, in New Hampshire, a \$25 million industry for 800 producers. Though this late-season freeze has helped some northern maple farmers, many in southern New Hampshire are finished because the warm weather caused sugar maple trees to bud earlier than usual — and once the trees bud, the season's over.

**QOL Score:** -1

**Comment:** *Ideal temperatures for maple producers are 40s during the day, mid- to upper 20s at night.*

## The bears are coming out

Sanctioned bird feeding season technically continues through March 31, but the warm weather means bears are coming out soon, which is why wildlife officials are asking folks to pull feeders now. According to the Concord Monitor, den emergence by bears is about a month earlier this year due to the mild winter and recent stretch of abnormal spring-like conditions. "Do not wait for a bear to get the bird feeder and then respond. Doing so encourages foraging behavior by bears near residences. A single food reward will cause the bear to return and continue to search the area for food," Andrew Timmins, Bear Project leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, said in the story.

**QOL Score:** -1 (because QOL is afraid of bears)

**Comment:** *The year 2015 saw the fewest bear-human conflicts in 20 years, with a total of 394 complaints, according to the report. QOL thinks that still sounds kind of high...*

**QOL score:** 63

**Net change:** -2

**QOL this week:** 61

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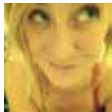
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SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS

# March madness is off and running



The notion that it is the year of **Steph Curry** in basketball added a few more notches during the best four consecutive days on the sports calendar. It did so by way of two NCAA Tournament games that were decided by long-range shots that looked like the kind of deep 40-foot J's Curry has been making all year. The first and most immediately devastating, at least to Purdue, was **Paul Jesperson's** nailing one from a smidge inside mid-court to give Northern Iowa the win over the Boilermakers at the buzzer. The other came in the second-best comeback of the tournament so far, when Arkansas-Little Rock climbed out of a 14-point hole with 4:06 climaxed by a major-league deep three by **Josh Hagins** to send it to OT. He then won it in the second OT on a ho-hum normal three for the upset. Those happened in the first two days and here are a few more thoughts and awards from an exciting opening week of the tournament.

**Clutch Downtown Shooter Award:** Jesperson and Hagins are in the running, but so is **Bronson Koenig**, who nailed two threes in the final 11.7 seconds to bring Wisconsin back from down three to 66-63 winners over Xavier.

**Best Comeback/Escape Award:** Yes, Arkansas-Little Rock coming back from 14 down in the last 4:06 was impressive, but Texas A&M somehow wriggling off the hook to beat Northern Iowa from down 10 with 30 seconds left goes into the "miraculous" category.

**The Draft Stock Stays High Award:** With 19- and 25-point, and 27- and 36-point games in two wins, Duke's **Brandon Ingram** and Oklahoma's **Buddy Hield** held serve for their projected draft slots (Ingram 1 or 2 and Hield between 5 and 10).

**What's He Talking About Award:** Is it possible to find something hard to believe

and not hard to believe at the same time? That's how I felt learning Providence's buzzer-beating win over USC was their first in 19 years. Just seems like it can't be that long, but at the same time, we haven't heard much from them in, well, 19 years or so. Either way they did it without a huge game from likely Top Five pick **Kris Dunn**, who had just 16 points and missed a shot for the lead with five seconds left. He did come back with 29 in a loss to UNC to keep his draft stock at status quo.

**Draft Stock Minor Hit Award:** Utah 7-footer **Jakob Poeltl** had a 16-point, career-high-18-rebound, four-assist effort in an 80-69 win over Fresno State, but then put up a six-point dud as the Utes got bounced by Gonzaga.

**Biggest Upset Award:** Providence's 19-year wait ain't nothing compared to Yale, who got their first ever Tournament win upsetting Baylor 79-75 in their first tournament appearance in 54 years. That's not exactly what you call a tradition of excellence. If this is a cycle like Haley's Comet, Yale's next appearance is 2070. Don't want to jinx it, but not sure many of us will be around for that one.

**All Academic Bowl Award:** But that was if for the Yale story, as they got out-Duked in their Round II game of academic titans.

**That Ain't Nothing Award:** Of course 54 years is chump change as 1947 champ Holy Cross made their first tournament appearance of any kind since 1953.

**Worst Basketball IQ Award:** I would hate to tell you what I would do to a teammate who put his interests over the team as Indiana's **OG (whiz what a nitwit) Anunoby** did with 360 dunk off a break-away in a tightly contested game. But how a coach could let a dunce get away with a me-me-me showboat at a critical time as **Tom Crean** did escapes me. If it's me, he's yanked from the game and told to go sit in the bus and think about it. As the Soup Nazi said on *Seinfeld*, "Game over,

no soup for you."

**Role Reversal Award:** Seeing **Shaka Smart** on the sideline for dastardly big-budget Texas after being headman at everyone's upset darling VCU just doesn't seem right. It's like if **Abbie Hoffman** had become Richard Nixon's running mate.

**New Best Uniforms Award:** With Michigan State out in a Round I shocker, the best unis left belong to Villanova. Though I have been a Nova guy since the days of **Howard Porter**.

**Maybe I Spoke Too Soon Award:** It goes to me for talking last week about Butler's demise after **Brad Stevens** left. The 22-10 Bulldogs remained a nice story with a 71-61 Round I win over Texas Tech. Though they did lose to Virginia in the Mid-West Regional.

**Bad Geography Award:** That UV-Butler game came in the "Mid-West" Regional. But can anyone tell me, and I'm OK if it's NC native and geography major at UNC **Michael Jordan**, how in the name of **Chris Washburn** can an, ahem, academic institution, as the NCAA is supposed to be, hold its "Mid-West Regional" in an Eastern Seaboard state like North Carolina?

**Dagger to the Heart Award:** Since it's never happened to me either way, though **Gordon Hayward's** near miss for Butler in their final vs. Duke would have been one to the good, losing on a mid-court shot as Purdue did has got to be much worse than losing on a tip or jumper at the buzzer. Because you had the lead, did everything needed to win and then lost on a shot with a five-percent chance (Curry excepted) of going in. Yikes.

But that's the best thing about the tournament, isn't it? After pundits yak and yak and yak, the teams everyone says can't do as Northern Iowa, Arkansas-Little Rock and Yale did. And that is why, even with the changes I don't care for, the tournament still is the greatest four consecutive days in sports.

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# A shocking ending

**The Big Story:** We got the latest example of how thin the line can be between the joy of victory and the agony of defeat Saturday when Central and not Merrimack became Division I Basketball champs. In what will be the story/play of the year (if not the decade) Merrimack's **Noah Beygelman** buried a shot as the buzzer sounded to seemingly make the Tomahawks a 61-60 win. But it was a nanosecond late, which made the Little Green the winners in a supremely exciting and tremendously disappointing ending depending on which side of the UNH gym you were sitting on. The ending aside, it was a game for the ages with 21 ties or lead changes and a second half that never saw more than a four-point lead either way. Game high honors went to Central's **Jaylon Leroy** with 25, **Zak Kerr** had 21 for Merrimack and **Doc Wheeler** picked up state title No. 6 as head man for the Green.

**Sports 101:** On this date in 1969 this man became the second player named MVP and Rookie of the Year in the same NBA season. Name those players.

**Big Story II:** That would be Bedford winning its first ever Division I State Hockey title in the battle at the Verizon Wireless

Arena on Saturday 4-3 over Bishop Guertin. It was a see-saw battle until **Jay Roberto** broke a 3-3 tie with a power play goal with five seconds left in the second period. That sent them to the break with a 4-3 lead they would not relinquish in a tense third period leading to the huge win.

**Manchester Sports Villain of the Week:** It goes to Stonehill's **Carter Smith**, who ended SNHU and Saint Anselm's season in back-to-back games at NCAA East Regional with first a bucket with five seconds left vs. SNHU and then a layup with 34 seconds left two nights later in the Final. That sent Stonehill to the Elite Eight in Frisco, Texas, and gave Carter MVP.

**Sports 101 Answer:** Baltimore Bullet center **Wes Unseld** joined **Wilt Chamberlain** on this date as the only MVP and Rookie of the Year in the same NBA season

**On This Date – March 25: 1933 – Babe Ruth** signs for \$52,000 – a \$23,000 after his homer total drops from 41 to 34. **1976 – Patriots nemesis Peyton Manning** is born. **1979 – Indiana State and Michigan State** advance to the NCAA finals as **Larry Bird** (35 points, 16 rebounds, 9 assists) and **Magic Johnson** (29 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists) key wins over DePaul and Penn. 🏀

## The Numbers

**14** – consecutive losing seasons for Saint Anselm football, which led to head man **Patrick Murphy's** being fired last week by its latest AD **Daron Montgomery** after compiling a 19-65 record.

**2** – goals for **Doug Champagne** and an assist as Bow advanced to the Division II

hockey final with a 5-3 win over Keene to give him 28 goals and 17 assists in 18 games.

**48** – saves by Bedford's **Eric Voloshin** (21) and BG's **Jacob Perrin** (27) in Bedford's aforementioned win in the NHIAA title game at the V on Saturday.

**21** – team-high points scored by **Harrison Tag-**

**gart** as Saint Anselm fell in the NCAA East Regional Final.

**26** – fourth-quarter points scored by **Evan MacDonald** (10), **Jaylen Leroy** (8) and **Jon Makori** (8) as Central used a sensational 26-4 comeback blitz to close out Winnacunnet 58-45 in the semifinal of the state basketball tournament. 🏀

## Sports Glossary

**Joy of Victory and Agony of Defeat:** Brilliant phrase beautifully capturing the highs and lows of sport in the opening of ABC's late, great *Wide World of Sports*. The agony part in **Jim McKay's** dramatic voice-over showed a ski jumper slipping on his journey and going off the elevated ramp totally out of control.

**Chris Washburn:** Man-child basketball player recruited by ethically challenged North Carolina State coach **Jim Valvano** in the mid-1980s. Stands as a cautionary tale, as in addition to not coming close to what was projected on court he was convicted of stealing a stereo there as well. That trial brought to light that he breezed into NC State despite scoring a whopping 500 on his SAT when 1,600 was the max one could get and 400 the lowest. Still, potential being potential, he went third overall in the 1986 draft, which was one of the most notorious in NBA history.

**1986 NBA Draft:** Doozy of a draft that produced drug- and alcohol-abuse-related NBA news for years to come. No. 2 pick **Len Bias** died of a cocaine overdose the next day, while third pick Washburn, fifth pick **William Bedford** and seventh pick **Roy Tarpley** (suspended for life twice) all did rehab stints and were washouts due in part to drug abuse, while 22nd pick and now Orlando Magic coach **Scott Skiles** got busted for coke (later dropped) and a pot charge and had two short stints in the slammer for DUI and a parole violation.

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**T**hroughout February, you voted for your favorite things about southern New Hampshire, from your favorite radio host to your favorite new restaurant. You even helped us answer a much-debated question here in the Hippo office: Does New Hampshire

have more cat lovers or dog lovers? (The clear-cut winner is gracing the cover.)

After a weekend of hand-counting your votes, here are your results. You'll find some of your favorites that top the list every year, plus new favorites and even some new categories (if you've always

wondered who makes the best donuts, now you'll know).

Keep an eye out for our annual magazine, coming out in early May, where we'll expand on some of the people and places that make southern New Hampshire a great place to live.

## ARTS

### Best Performing Arts Venue

**Best of the Best:** Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org) (The 100-plus-year-old nonprofit has regular professional and

youth mainstage musicals directed by Carl Rajotte and visiting music, comedy and literary acts.)

**Best of Concord:** Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com) (The 25-year-old nonprofit has a variety of programming, ranging from Broadway and National Theatre broadcasts to visiting comedy, music, theater and author events.)

**Best of Manchester:** Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry, 437-5100, [tupelohalllondonderry.com](http://tupelohalllondonderry.com) (The intimate concert hall, formerly an antiques shop, hosts musical artists of all genres and regular comedy acts.)

**Best of Nashua:** Amato Center for the

Performing Arts, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, 672-1002, [svbge.org](http://svbge.org) (It's located at the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley and home of the Friends of the Amato Center, the Riverbend Youth Company and the Milford Area Players, which put on theatrical productions.)

### Best Art Gallery

**Best of the Best:** McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord, 225-2515, [mcgowanfineart.com](http://mcgowanfineart.com)

**Best of Concord:** Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046, [themillbrookgallery.com](http://themillbrookgallery.com)

**Best of Manchester:** Art 3 Gallery, 44

W. Brook St., Manchester, 668-6650, [art3gallery.com](http://art3gallery.com)

**Best of Nashua:** Andres Institute of Art, 98 Route 13, Brookline, 673-8441, [andresinstitute.org](http://andresinstitute.org)

### Best Art in a Public Space

**Best of the Best:** Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, [currier.org](http://currier.org) (Two sculptures sit on the museum grounds — "Fusion II," a stainless steel piece by George Sherwood, and "Origins," a bright red and black piece by Mark di Suvero — and inside are permanent and temporary art exhibitions.)

**Best of Concord:** Bicentennial Square, Concord (The Concord Arts Market hap-





**Best of Manchester:** Cat Alley, Dean Avenue, Manchester (The alleyway of cat murals is located between Lala's Hungarian Pastry and Alpha Loft off Elm Street. The cat-themed art was inspired by the Palace Theatre's 2009 production of *Cats* and features murals by more than a dozen artists.)

**Best of Nashua:** Andres Institute of Art, 98 Route 13, Brookline, 673-8441, [andresinstitute.org](http://andresinstitute.org) (More than 70 sculptures made by international artists sit in the 140-acre park, accessible through wooded trails. They were made during the nonprofit's annual sculpture symposium, which typically happens mid-September through early October.)

## BEAUTY & WELLNESS

### Best Gym

**Best of the Best:** Get Fit New Hampshire, 287 S. Main St., Concord, and 167 New Orchard Road, Epsom, 344-2651, [getfitnh.com](http://getfitnh.com)

**Best of Concord:** Concord Family YMCA, 15 N. State St., Concord, 228-9622, [concordymca.org](http://concordymca.org)

**Best of Manchester:** Executive Health & Sports Center, 1 Highlander Way, Manchester, 668-4753, [ehsc.com](http://ehsc.com)

**Best of Nashua:** Hampshire Hills Athletic Club, 50 Emerson Road, Milford, 673-7123, [hampshirehills.com](http://hampshirehills.com)

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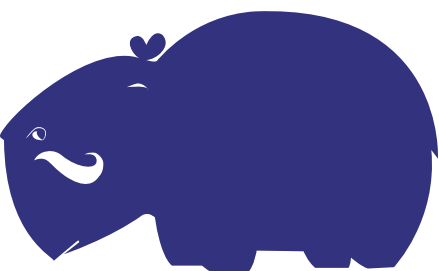
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**Best of Manchester:** Tattoo Angus, 1279 S. Willow St., Manchester, 935-9398, [tattooangus.com](http://tattooangus.com)

**Best of Nashua:** Precision Body Arts, 3 Elm St., Nashua, 889-5788, [precisionbodyarts.com](http://precisionbodyarts.com)

### Best Barber Shop

**Best of the Best:** Lucky's Barbershop & Shave Parlor, 50 S. State St., Concord,



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### BESTS

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### GEOGRAPHY

Here, roughly, is the designation of "Manchester," "Concord" and "Nashua" areas:

- Manchester area includes Manchester, Goffstown, Auburn, Candia, Bedford, Hooksett, Raymond, Litchfield, Derry, Londonderry, Windham, Salem, New Boston, Francetown and towns to the east along Route 101 to include towns on Route 125.

- Concord area includes Concord as well as Bow, Pembroke, Contoocook, Dunbarton, Hopkinton, Loudon, Boscawen, Chichester, Weare, Henniker, Suncook and some towns in the Lakes Region.

- Nashua area includes Nashua as well as Merrimack, Amherst, Hollis, Brookline, Hudson, Mason and Wilton.

### QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMMENTS

Did we get an address or phone number wrong? Do you have an idea for a new category? Do you think your favorite donut maker should have been the winner? Well, there's nothing I can do about that last one (though if you think there's an unsung person, place or event out there, donut-related or not, we'd love to hear about it). But for corrections (which would run on page 4 or, in the case of food-related categories, in the Weekly Dish column of upcoming issues), please contact me, editor Amy Diaz, at [adz@hippopress.com](mailto:adz@hippopress.com). Categories change every year (you may notice a few new ones this year, and some categories from past years are on sabbatical), so we're always looking for new ideas. Some of this year's categories are the result of suggestions received after last year's results, so send yours along. And, again, all results are final.

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**Best of the Best:** VLD Zumba, VLD Fitness, 259 Hanover St., Manchester, 341-4851, vldfitness.com  
**Best of Concord:** Jeremy's Boot Camp, Jeremy's Boot Camp, 153 Manchester St., Concord, 721-2830, jeremysbootcamp.com  
**Best of Manchester:** Adult Kickboxing, Woo Kickboxing Academy, 4 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry, 845-6374, wookickboxing.com  
**Best of Nashua:** Pilates, Thrive Wellness, The Village Shops at Salzburg Square, Route 101, Amherst, 508-981-6848, thrivewellnessnh.com

### Best Yoga Studio

**Best of the Best:** NH Power Yoga, 704 Milford Road, Merrimack, 594-2494, nhpoweryoga.com  
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**Best of Manchester:** Ron's Toy Shop, 235 Elm St., Manchester, 669-9682, ron-stoyshop.com

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### Best Independent Clothing Store

**Best of the Best:** Gondwana & Divine Clothing Co., 13 N. Main St., Concord, 228-1101, clothingnh.com

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**Best of Concord:** Capitol Craftsman & Romance Jewelers, 16 & 18 N. Main St., Concord, 224-6166, capitolcraftsman.com

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## STANDOUT EATERIES

### Best Restaurant Overall

**Best of the Best:** Republic, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, republicca-fe.com

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# Best childcare

## East Side Learning Center

By Kelly Sennott  
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On Amy Upton's first day at the East Side Learning Center in January 1990, she ran the one-woman operation with six kids all day, 6:30 in the morning to 5:30 at night. They were in a small side room in the Faith Tabernacle Church basement, not yet licensed to use the Sunday school classrooms down the hall.

"The first day was definitely a little overwhelming. The hard part about it was being alone, being the only one," Upton said via phone.

Prior to starting the child care center, she was a kindergarten teacher in Michigan and Detroit but moved back home to be near her family. After being in New Hampshire for three years and working at a couple different child care programs, the church where her dad, Rev. Daniel Gazaway, is a minister, came to her with a proposition.

"The church asked me if I would be interested in opening the program. They were looking to start a community service and didn't want it to be faith-based, so it truly was a community service," Upton said.

At the time, she was studying early child-



Amy Upton and kids at the East Side Learning Center. Courtesy photo.

hood education at the New Hampshire Technical Institute to be a Montessori school teacher. Her initial thought was, maybe she'd work as a director for a few years, until her own two kids were old enough to both be in school, then go back to teaching kindergarten or first grade.

She remembers the day the school got licensed for 21 kids. The man she worked with, John Hancock, told her she'd probably be asking to extend her license within a year.

"I said, 'I would never do that. I would nev-

er want more children here!' But it was within three years that I was licensed for 90. Now we're licensed for 185 [at one time] and have well over 300 kids coming here regularly," Upton said.

Since then, the learning center has taken over all the classrooms and the church's sanctuary and has constructed an activity center. Kids ages 2 to 12 come for full-day preschool, kindergarten or before- or after-school programs. Her own children are 26 and 32 now, and the daycare has had a wait

list since that first year.

She credits flexibility and easy scheduling for the child care center's longstanding life. Longstanding staff help, too; of them, 14 have been there since age 3, and of the school-aged kids, 88 percent have been around since preschool. In 2004 it became the first accredited after-school program in New Hampshire for school-aged kids.

The organizational format connects with the curriculum framework schools embrace, Upton said, supporting everyday living and math skills. Kids have 12 clubs a day to choose from, earning "money" by doing homework, spending "money" to play sports or try out for drama club. (Although, once they're cast in a play, they get "paid" as an actor, and to make props or sew costumes.)

When she's not running the daycare, Upton teaches at NHTI and UNH Durham, works as a consultant and sits on lots of early childhood task forces and associations. 🍀

### East Side Learning Center

**Where:** 164 Eastside Drive, Concord

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**Visit:** eastsidelearningcenter.net

## Best New Eatery

**Best of the Best:** The Foundry Restaurant, 50 Commercial St., Manchester, 836-1925, foundrynh.com. Opened August 2015.

**Best of Concord:** Vibes Gourmet Burgers, 25 S. Main St., Concord, 856-8671, vibesgourmetburgers.com. Opened November 2015.

**Best of Manchester:** Funktion Spirits & Spoonfuls, 931 Elm St., Manchester, 782-5365, funktionspirits.com. Opened September 2015.

**Best of Nashua:** Pig Tale Restaurant, 449 Amherst St., Nashua, 864-8740, pig-talepizza.com. Opened June 2015.

## Best Fine Dining

**Best of the Best:** Hanover Street Chophouse, 149 Hanover St., Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com

**Best of Concord:** O Steaks & Seafood, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 856-7925,

magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com/osteaks

**Best of Manchester:** Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com

**Best of Nashua:** Buckley's Great Steaks, 438 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com

## Best Pub

**Best of the Best:** The Shaskeen, 909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, theshaskeen-pub.com

**Best of Concord:** The Barley House, 132 Main St., Concord, 228-6363, the-barleyhouse.com

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**Best of Nashua:** The Peddler's Daughter, 48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com

## MORE FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

### Best Asian Restaurant

**Best of the Best:** Lilac Blossom Restaurant, 650 Amherst St., Unit 22, Nashua,

886-8420; 385 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua, 888-9588, lilacblossomrestaurant.com

**Best of Concord:** Siam Orchid Thai Bistro, 12 N. Main St., Concord, 228-1529, siamorchid.net

**Best of Manchester:** Chen's Garden, 956 Second St., Manchester, 836-5608, chensgardennh.com

**Best of Nashua:** You You Japanese Bistro, 150 Broad St., Suite 4, Nashua, 882-8337, youyoujbistro.com

## Best Barbecue

**Best of the Best:** KC's Rib Shack, 837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net

**Best of Concord:** Arnie's Place, 164 Loudon Road, Concord, 228-3225, arniesplace.com

**Best of Manchester:** Goody Coles Smokehouse, 374 Route 125, Brentwood, 679-8898, goodycoles.com

**Best of Nashua:** Riverside Barbeque Co., 53 Main St., Nashua, 204-5110, riversidebarbeque.com

## Best Diner

**Best of the Best:** The Red Arrow Diner, 61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118, redarrowdiner.com

**Best of Concord:** Tilt'n Diner, 61 Laco-

nia Road, Tilton, 286-2204, thecman.com

**Best of Manchester:** Airport Diner, 2280

Brown Ave., Manchester, 623-5040, thecman.com

**Best of Nashua:** The Red Arrow Diner, 63 Union Square, Milford, 249-9222, redarrowdiner.com

## Best Italian Restaurant

**Best of the Best:** Angelina's Ristorante Italiano, 11 Depot St., Concord, 228-3313, angelinasrestaurant.com

**Best of Concord:** Veano's Italian Kitchen II, 30 Manchester St., Concord, 715-1695

**Best of Manchester:** Fratello's Italian Grille, 155 Dow St., Manchester, 624-2022, fratellos.com

**Best of Nashua:** Fratello's Italian Grille, 194 Main St., Nashua, 889-2022, fratellos.com

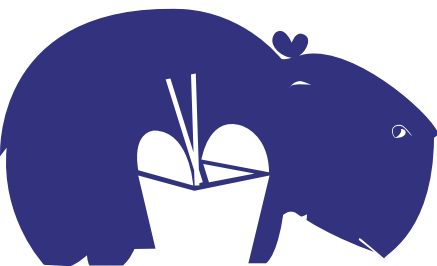
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**Best of the Best:** Surf Restaurant, 207 Main St., Nashua, 595-9293, surfseafood.com

**Best of Concord:** Makris Lobster and Steak House, Route 106, Concord, 225-7665, eatalobster.com

**Best of Manchester:** Hooked Seafood Restaurant, 110 Hanover St., Manchester, 606-1189, hookedonignite.com

**Best of Nashua:** The Lobster Boat Restaurant, 453 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-5221, lobsterboatrestaurant.com

## Best Steakhouse

**Best of the Best:** Hanover Street Chophouse, 149 Hanover St., Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com

**Best of Concord:** O Steaks & Seafood, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 856-7925, magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com/osteaks

**Best of Manchester:** The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery, 58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

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# SWEET TREATS

## Best Cupcakes

**Best of the Best:** Queen City Cupcakes, 790 Elm St., Manchester, 624-4999, qccupcakes.com

**Best of Concord:** New England Cupcakery, 28 S. Main St., Concord, 724-6464, necupcakery.com

**Best of Manchester:** Carina's Cakes, 37 Crystal Ave. (Plaza One), Derry, 425-9620, carinas-cakes.com

**Best of Nashua:** Frederick's Pastries, 109 Route 101A, Amherst, 882-7725, pastry.net

## Best Desserts

**Best of the Best:** Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester, 232-6592, finessepastries.com

**Best of Concord:** Bread & Chocolate, 29 S. Main St., Concord, 228-3330

**Best of Manchester:** Carina's Cakes, 37 Crystal Ave (Plaza One), Derry, 425-9620, carinas-cakes.com

**Best of Nashua:** The Black Forest Cafe, 212 Route 101, Amherst, 672-0500, the-blackforestcafe.com



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**Concord:** Stonehouse Baking Co., 746 Calef Highway, Barrington, 664-2307, stonehousebaking.com

**Manchester:** The Local Moose Cafe, 124 Queen City Ave., Manchester, 232-2669, thelocalmoosecafe.com

**Nashua:** Crosby Bakery, 51 E. Pearl St., Nashua, 882-1851, crosbybakerynh.com

## Best Ice Cream

**Best of the Best:** Hayward's Homemade Ice Cream, 7 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 888-4663, haywardsicecream.com

**Best of Concord:** Arnie's Place, 164 Loudon Road, Concord, 228-3225, arniesplace.com

**Best of Manchester:** Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

**Best of Nashua:** King Kone, Route 3, Merrimack, 424-6848, find them on Facebook

## Best Whoopie Pies

**Best of the Best:** The Crust & Crumb Baking Company, 126 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0763, thecrustandcrumb.com

**Best of Concord:** Just Like Mom's Pastries, 353 Riverdale Road, Weare, 529-6667, justlikemomspastries.com

**Best of Manchester:** Carina's Cakes, 37 Crystal Ave (Plaza One), Derry, 425-9620, carinas-cakes.com

**Best of Nashua:** The Black Forest Cafe, 212 Route 101, Amherst, 672-0500, the-blackforestcafe.com

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# Best wine shop

## WineNot Boutique

By Allie Ginwala  
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Six years ago, WineNot Boutique opened its doors to give the Nashua community a selection of good-value, everyday wine.

"I opened my shop [on] this very small loan and arranged my wine by medium [body], full body, because I didn't have enough wine to put it on the shelf," said owner Svetlana Yanushkevich. "When I opened WineNot I was the only employee. I was Cinderella, cleaning the shop and answering the phone."

But when it comes to the wine world, Yanushkevich is anything but a Cinderella. She has an M.S. in viticulture and a Ph.D. in agriculture from Crimean State Agricultural University and was an associate professor of viticulture at Crimean Agro-Industrial College. Also having served as sommelier for two prestigious Philadelphia restaurants, it's clear that Yanushkevich knows wine.

When she moved to New Hampshire from Philadelphia, she settled in Nash-

ua because of its easy access to Boston but

soon realized she didn't want the commute or the late shifts that come with restaurant work. So she decided to combine her skills and passion and open a wine shop.

## Best Brewery

**Best:** Able Ebenezer Brewing Co., 31 Columbia Circle, Merrimack, 844-223-2253, ableebenezer.com

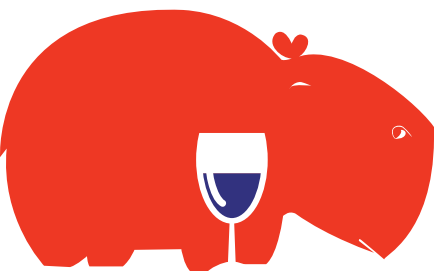
**Runner-up:** 603 Brewery, 12 Liberty Drive, Londonderry, 216-5074, 603brewery.com

**Honorable Mention:** Smuttynose Brewing Co., 105 Towle Farm Road, Hampton, 436-4026, smuttynose.com

## Best Cocktail

**Best of the Best:** Mudslides, Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

**Best of Concord:** Margarita, Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com



Inside WineNot Boutique with Svetlana Yanushkevich. Courtesy photo.

ua because of its easy access to Boston but soon realized she didn't want the commute or the late shifts that come with restaurant work. So she decided to combine her skills and passion and open a wine shop.

"I moved from Ukraine 12 years ago ... and originally I worked as an associate professor of viticulture at the college lev-

**Best of Manchester:** Moroccan Old-Fashioned, Republic, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, republiccafe.com

**Best of Nashua:** Espresso Martini, Giorgio's Ristorante & Martini Bar, 707 Milford Road, Merrimack, 883-7333, giorgios.com

## Best Cup of Coffee

**Best of the Best:** True Brew Barista, 3 Bicentennial Square, Concord, 225-2776, truebrewbarista.com

**Best of Concord:** Schoodac's Coffee & Tea, 1 E. Main St., Warner, 456-3400, facebook.com/schoodacs

**Best of Manchester:** The Grind Rail Trail Cafe, 5 W. Broadway, Derry, 247-4506, thegrindnh.com

**Best of Nashua:** A&E Coffee Roastery & Tea, 135 Route 101A, Amherst, 578-3338, aeroastery.com

## Best NH Hard Liquor

**Best:** Flag Hill Winery & Distillery, 297 N. River Road, Lee, 659-2949, flaghill.com, makes General John Stark vodka, Karner Blue gin, Flag Hill white rum, Flag Hill spiced rum, Flag Hill straight bourbon whiskey, Josiah Bartlett barrel aged apple brandy, Graham's Grappa non-barrel aged brandy, White Mountain Moonshine white whiskey, cranberry, blueberry, raspberry and sugar maple liqueurs.

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expose them to lesser-known regions and grapes to expand their palates.

"When I moved to [a] new country I left my family members and many friends in Ukraine and I feel like Nashua, my wine community, became my new family," she said.

Now she and her three part-time staffers know many of their customers by name, as well as what wines they like, what food they tend to pair with and how they like to cook.

Over the past six years she's been able to build the business through regular tastings, six-week wine courses, wine dinners and even wine trips to Italy, France and Spain. Plus, with the growing availability of inexpensive wine in the state, she's been able to focus more on increasing WineNot's selection to include high-end and unique wines.

"We want to be known for quality wine at many price categories," she said. 🍷

### WineNot Boutique

**Where:** 170 Main St., Nashua

**Call:** 204-5569

**Visit:** [winenotboutique.com](http://winenotboutique.com)

el so my passion was teaching about wine and grapes," Yanushkevich said. "But if nobody knows you, nobody will take your classes. Having a retail locale will help you connect with people."

At WineNot Boutique, Yanushkevich uses her expertise to steer patrons toward good-value and high-quality wines, and to

**Runner-up:** Djinn Spirits, 2 Townsend West, Suite 9, Nashua, 262-1812, djinnspirits.com, makes Beat 3 Reserve Whiskey, Beat 3 White Whiskey, Distilled Gin, Krupnik spiced honey liqueur and single malt whiskey.

**Honorable Mention:** Sea Hagg Distillery, 135 Lafayette Road, Unit 9, North Hampton, 379-2274, seahaggdistillery.com, makes amber rum, blueberry rum, spiced rum, poitin white whiskey, strawberry rum, peach rum, apple eau de vie, apple brandy and Plaice Cove Irish-style whiskey.

## Best NH Tasting Room (for beer, wine, cider or liquor)

**Best:** Able Ebenezer Brewing Co., 31 Columbia Circle, Merrimack, 844-223-2253, ableebenezer.com. The Ale Room is open weekdays from 4 to 8 p.m., weekends from noon to 8 p.m.

**Runner-up:** LaBelle Winery, 345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinery-nh.com. Tasting Room open Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Honorable Mention:** Great North Aleworks, 1050 Holt Ave, Unit 14, Manchester, 858-5789, greatnorthaleworks.com. Tasting Room open Thursday and Friday from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

## Best Restaurant Wine List

**Best of the Best:** Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com

**Best of Concord:** O Steaks & Seafood, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 856-7925, magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com/osteaks

**Best of Manchester:** Cask and Vine, 1.5 East Broadway, Derry, 965-3454, caskandvine.com

**Best of Nashua:** MT's Local Kitchen & Wine Bar, 212 Main St., Nashua, 595-9334, mtslocal.com

## Best NH Winery

**Best:** LaBelle Winery, 345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinery-nh.com.

**Runner-up:** Flag Hill Winery & Distillery, 297 N. River Road, Lee, 659-2949, flaghill.com

**Honorable Mention:** Fulchino Vineyard, 187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis, 438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com

# FOOD SHOPS

## Best Bakery

**Best of the Best:** Bread & Chocolate, 29 S. Main St., Concord, 228-3330

**Best of Concord:** The Crust & Crumb



Baking Company, 126 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0763, thecrustandcrumb.com  
**Best of Manchester:** Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester, 232-6592, finessepastries.com  
**Best of Nashua:** Crosby Bakery, 51 E. Pearl St., Nashua, 882-1851, crosbybakerynh.com

### Best Beer Shop

**Best of the Best:** Bert's Better Beers, 1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 413-5992, bertsbetterbeers.com  
**Best of Concord:** Barb's Beer Emporium, 249 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, 369-4501, barbsbeeremporium.com  
**Best of Manchester:** Lazy Dog Beer Shoppe, 27 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-2500, lazydogbeer.com  
**Best of Nashua:** The Beer Store, 433 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-2242, thebeerstorenh.com

### Best Butcher Shop

**Best of the Best:** The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery, 58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com  
**Best of Concord:** Concord Beef & Seafood, 75 S. Main St., Concord, 226-3474, find them on Facebook  
**Best of Manchester:** Mr. Steer Meats, 27 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-1444, mrsteermeats.com  
**Best of Nashua:** Brothers Butcher, 8 Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 809-4180, brothers-butcher.com

### Best Candy/Chocolate Shop

**Best of the Best:** Granite State Candy Shoppe, 13 Warren St., Concord, 225-2591; 832 Elm St., Manchester, 218-3885, granitestatecandyshoppe.com  
**Best of Concord:** Lee's Candy Kitchen, Mill Falls Marketplace, 312 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith, 279-5175, leescandykitchen.com  
**Best of Manchester:** Van Otis Chocolates, 341 Elm St., Manchester, 627-1611, vanotischocolates.com  
**Best of Nashua:** Nelson's Candies, 65 Main St., Wilton, 654-5030, nelsonscandieswilton.com

### Best Farm Stand

**Best of the Best:** Lull Farm, 65 Broad St., Hollis, 465-7079, livefreeandfarm.com  
**Best of Concord:** Dimond Hill Farm, 314 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 496-8218, dimondhillfarm.com  
**Best of Manchester:** Wilson Farm, 144 Charles Bancroft Highway, Route 3A, Litchfield, 882-5551, wilsonfarm.com  
**Best of Nashua:** Trombly Gardens, 150 N. River Road, Milford, 673-0647, tromblygardens.ipage.com



### Best Neighborhood Market

**Best of the Best:** Bunny's Superette, 75 Webster St., Manchester, 622-5080  
**Best of Concord:** Quality Cash Market, 11 Eastman St., Concord, 225-9661, qualitycashmarket.com  
**Best of Manchester:** Sully's Superette, 10 N. Mast Road, Goffstown, 497-8176, sullyssuperette.com  
**Best of Nashua:** Jeannotte's Market, 2 Courtland St., Nashua, 882-0161, find them on Facebook

## DELICIOUS DISHES

### Best Bagels

**Best of the Best:** Bagel Alley, 1 Eldridge St., Nashua, 882-9343, find them on Facebook  
**Best of Concord:** The Works Bakery Cafe, 42 N. Main St., Concord, 226-1827, worksbakerycafe.com  
**Best of Manchester:** Bagel Cafe, 373 Hanover St., Manchester, 647-2233, nhbagelcafe.com  
**Best of Nashua:** Hot Rize Bagel Cafe, 634 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-3367, find them on Facebook

### Best Breakfast

**Best of the Best:** Tucker's, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 206-5757, tuckersnh.com  
**Best of Concord:** The School House Cafe, 787 Route 103 E, Warner, 746-3850, find them on Facebook  
**Best of Manchester:** Purple Finch Cafe, 124 S. River Road, Bedford, 232-1953, purplefinchcafe.com  
**Best of Nashua:** The Riverhouse Cafe, 123 Union Square, Milford, 249-5556, theriverhousecafe.com

### Best Burgers

**Best of the Best:** The Barley House, 132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com  
**Best of Concord:** Vibes Gourmet Burgers, 25 S Main St., Concord, 856-8671, vibesgourmetburgers.com  
**Best of Manchester:** The Tuckaway Tavern and Butchery, 58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com



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# Best garden center

## Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials

By Angie Sykeny  
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For the second consecutive year Hippo readers have chosen Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials as the best local garden center. Located halfway up the south slope of Goffstown's North Uncanoonuc Mountain, owner Nettie Rynearson's "sunny little oasis," as she calls it, is a 2.5-acre nursery with over 900 plant varieties, numerous display gardens and a growing fanbase.

"When we won last year, it introduced us to a whole lot of people," Rynearson said. "'We saw you in the Hippo,' is the refrain we heard literally all season long. And apparently we have enough people who love us, because they did it again this year, and we're thrilled!"

The nursery opens for the season on Wednesday, April 27, and will operate Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until October. In July, they'll host their 25th annual open house event with special speakers and free cookies and lemonade.

Over 50 new plant varieties will be added this spring, including the great star



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hydrangea, sunshine happy trails rose, June rose peony, Indian warrior big blue-stem and more.

At this time last year Rynearson had started work on an ambitious project: to create an online database and printable catalog with every plant at the nursery and its description, price and photo. Those resources are now complete and available on the website, along with 26 handouts

offering more in-depth information and tips on certain plants.

"Education is a huge focus of ours," she said. "It's our job, since we know our plants, to help people understand how to choose, place and care for different plants. We want people to be successful."

Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials has always specialized in roses, but this year they'll have an even bigger selection that includes

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hard-to-find varieties. The plan to offer these roses started a few years ago when the nursery partnered with a grower in Canada and sent him budwood of rare varieties to propagate. This spring, the grower is sending them the roses from that first crop.

When asked what makes Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials worthy of the "Best Of" title, Rynearson said it's the welcoming atmosphere.

"There's people who come every weekend just to see what's in bloom. We have sandboxes for young ones, and the older ones love to walk the paths. Groups and clubs meet here regularly and will sit at the big picnic table. We get painters and amateur photographers. And we find that most people who come have well-behaved animals so we're pet-friendly and have a water bowl out for dogs," she said. "It's a happy, upbeat place and we love it and want people to come enjoy it." 🐾

### Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials

**Where:** 452 Mountain Road, Goffstown  
**Opening day:** Wednesday, April 27  
**Visit:** [uncanoonucmt.com](http://uncanoonucmt.com)

**Best of Nashua:** Papa Joe's Humble Kitchen, 237 South St., Milford, 672-9130, [papajoeshumblekitchen.com](http://papajoeshumblekitchen.com)

### Best Burritos

**Best of the Best:** Dos Amigos Burritos, 26 N Main St., Concord, 410-4161, [dosamigosburritos.com](http://dosamigosburritos.com)

**Best of Concord:** Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, [hermanosmexican.com](http://hermanosmexican.com)

**Best of Manchester:** La Carreta, 545 Hooksett Road and 1875 S. Willow St., Manchester, 628-6899, 623-7705, [lacarretamex.com](http://lacarretamex.com)

**Best of Nashua:** El Colima, 116 W Pearl St., Nashua, 889-8226, [elcolima.com](http://elcolima.com)

### Best Clam Chowder

**Best of the Best:** Collins Brothers Chowder Co., 59 Temple St., Nashua, 883-2347, [collinsbrotherschowder.com](http://collinsbrotherschowder.com)

**Best of Concord:** Makris Lobster and Steak House, 354 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, 225-7665, [eatalobster.com](http://eatalobster.com)

**Best of Manchester:** The Pines Seafood House, 171 Route 27, Raymond, 895-4114, [thepinesseafood.com](http://thepinesseafood.com)

**Best of Nashua:** The Lobster Boat Restaurant, 453 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-5221, [lobsterboatrestaurant.com](http://lobsterboatrestaurant.com)

### Best NH-Made Food Product

**Best of the Best:** Laurel Hill Jams and Jellies of Bedford, available at Bedford Fields Garden Center & Home Decor, the Farm & Flower Market in Manchester, several other stores and online at [laurelhilljams.com](http://laurelhilljams.com). Check the website for more store locations and call 472-5388 for more info.

**Runner-up:** Ben's Pure Maple Syrup of Temple, available at local Shaw's, Hannafords, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and more. You can also purchase online at [bens-maple-syrup.mysshopify.com](http://bens-maple-syrup.mysshopify.com). Contact [benssugarshack@gmail.com](mailto:benssugarshack@gmail.com) or call 924-3111 for more info.

**Honorable Mention:** Blackwater Mustard of Contoocook, available at local farm stands, small markets and delis around southern New Hampshire. You can also purchase at [blackwatermustard-co.com](http://blackwatermustard-co.com). Contact [blackwater.mustard@gmail.com](mailto:blackwater.mustard@gmail.com) or call 603-746-2349 for more info.

### Best French Fries

**Best of the Best:** Caesario's, 1057 Elm St., Manchester, 669-8383, [caesariospizza.com](http://caesariospizza.com)

**Best of Concord:** The Barley House, 132 N Main St., Concord, 228-6363, [thebarleyhouse.com](http://thebarleyhouse.com)

**Best of Manchester:** Republic, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, [repub-liccafe.com](http://repub-liccafe.com)

**Best of Nashua:** The Peddler's Daughter, 48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7537, [thepeddlersdaughter.com](http://thepeddlersdaughter.com)

### Best Mac & Cheese

**Best of the Best:** Mr. Mac's, 497 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 606-1760, [mr-macs.com](http://mr-macs.com)

**Best of Concord:** O Steaks and Seafood, 11 S Main St., Concord, 856-7925, [magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com](http://magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com)

**Best of Manchester:** The Tuckaway Tavern and Butchery, 58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, [thetuckaway.com](http://thetuckaway.com)

**Best of Nashua:** The Homestead Restaurant & Tavern, 641 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 429-2022, [homesteadnh.com](http://homesteadnh.com)

### Best Menu Item

**Best of the Best:** Chicken Tenders, Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, [puritanbackroom.com](http://puritanbackroom.com)

**Best of Concord:** Chicken and Garlic Nachos, Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, [hermanosmexican.com](http://hermanosmexican.com)

**Best of Manchester:** Go-go Bread, Fire-

fly American Bistro & Bar, 22 Concord St., Manchester, 935-9740, [fireflynh.com](http://fireflynh.com)

**Best of Nashua:** Mexican Mac and Cheese, Amigos Mexican Cantina, 20 South St., Milford, 673-1500, [amigos-milford.com](http://amigos-milford.com)

### Best Pizza, Takeout

**Best of the Best:** Alley Cat Pizzeria, 486 Chestnut St., Manchester, 669-4533, [alleycatpizzerianh.com](http://alleycatpizzerianh.com)

**Best of Concord:** Constantly Pizza, 39 S. Main St., Concord, 224-9366, [constantlypizza.net](http://constantlypizza.net)

**Best of Manchester:** Pizza Man, 254 W. River Road, Hooksett, 626-7499, [thepizzamandelivers.com](http://thepizzamandelivers.com)

**Best of Nashua:** Nashua House of Pizza, 40 E Hollis St., Nashua, 883-6177, [nashuahouseofpizza.com](http://nashuahouseofpizza.com)

### Best Pizza, Dine-in

**Best of the Best:** 900 Degrees, 50 Dow St., Manchester, 641-0900, [900degrees.com](http://900degrees.com)

**Best of Concord:** Vinnie's Pizzeria, 200 S. Main St., Concord, 224-7727, find them on Facebook

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**Best of Nashua:** Pasta Loft Restaurant, 241 Union Square, Milford, 672-2270, pastaloft.com

## Best Salads

**Best of the Best:** Live Juice, 5 S. Main St., Concord, 226-3024, livejuicenh.com

**Best of Concord:** Cheers, 17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com

**Best of Manchester:** Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

**Best of Nashua:** Pressed Cafe, 108 Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 718-1250, pressed-cafe.com

## Best Sandwich

**Best of the Best:** Steak & Cheese, Bob Nadeau's, 776 Mast Road, Manchester, 623-9315, nadeaussubs.com

**Best of Concord:** Roast Beef, Beefside, 106 Manchester St., Concord, 228-0208, beefsiderestaurant.net

**Best of Manchester:** Steak & Cheese, Sub Station, 1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 625-1800, substationhooksett.com

**Best of Nashua:** The Garden, The Nashua Garden, 121 Main St., Nashua, 886-7363, find them on Facebook

## Best Subs

**Best of the Best:** Nadeau's, 776 Mast Road, 805 Canal St., 100 Cahill Ave., 1095 Hanover St., Manchester, 623-9315, nadeaussubs.com

**Best of Concord:** Cimo's South End Deli, 250 South St., Concord, 856-8020, find them on Facebook

**Best of Manchester:** Sub Station, 1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 625-1800, substationhooksett.com

**Best of Nashua:** Bill Cahill's Super Subs, 8 Kimball Road, Hudson, 882-7710

# FOOD HAPPENINGS

## Best Farmers Market

**Best:** Concord Farmers Market. It begins May 7 and is open every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Capitol Street, Concord.

**Runner-up:** Bedford Farmers Market. It begins June 14 and is open every Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. at 190 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford.

**Honorable Mention:** Salem Farmers Market. It is open year round every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 14 Main St., Salem, until May 1 when it moves to 224 N. Broadway, Salem.

## Best Food Festival

**Best:** Hampton Beach Seafood Festival.

With more than 150,000 attendees each year, it boasts being the largest seaside festival in New England. It features seafood from more than 60 seacoast restaurants and activities for the whole family. This year's festival is scheduled for Friday Sept. 9 through Sunday Sept. 11 at Ocean Boulevard on Hampton Beach.

**Runner-up:** Rock'n Ribfest. A celebration of ribs and barbecue food made by nationally renowned smokers and local restaurants. The festival also features live concerts, a road race, hot air balloon rides and more. This year's festival is scheduled for Friday June 17 through Sunday June 19 at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery 221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack.

**Honorable Mention:** Glendi. A Greek festival that features music, dancing and traditional Greek food. This year's festival is scheduled for Friday Sept. 16 through Sunday Sept. 18 at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 650 Hanover St., Manchester.

# FOOD PERSONALITIES

## Best Bartender

**Best of the Best:** Patrick Graham, Romano's Pizza, 27 Colby Road, Litchfield, 424-0500, romanosnh.com

**Best of Concord:** Corey Garland, The Barley House, 132 N Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

**Best of Manchester:** Lisa Lonnais, Romano's Pizza, 27 Colby Road, Litchfield, 424-0500, romanosnh.com

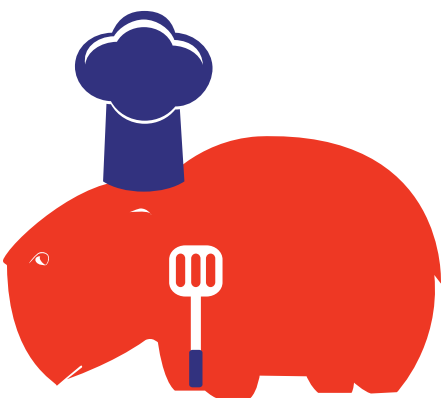
**Best of Nashua:** Brandon Laws, The Peddler's Daughter, 48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7537, thepeddlersdaughter.com

## Best Chef

**Best of the Best:** George Craft, Cask & Vine, 1 E Broadway, Derry, 965-3454, caskandvine.com

**Best of Concord:** Adam Mosher, Taco Beyondo, 53 Henniker St., Hillsborough, 464-5986, tacobeyondo.com

**Best of Manchester:** Ed Aloise, Republic, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723,



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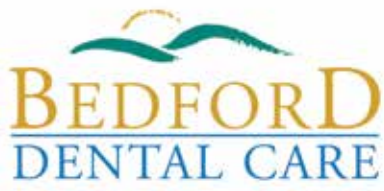
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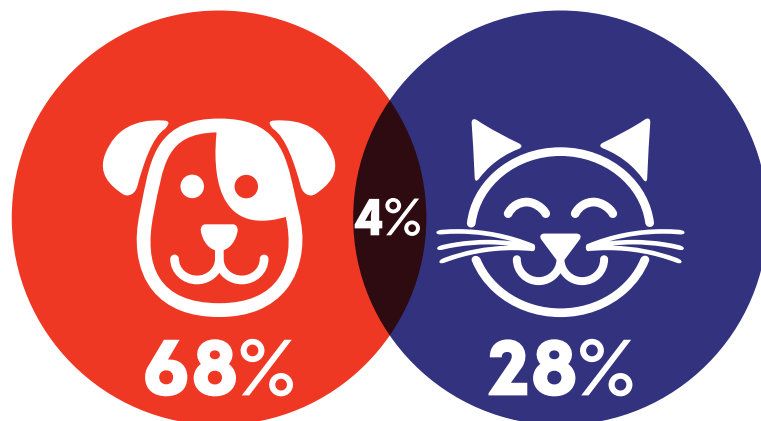


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**Best of Nashua:** Michael Buckley, MT's Local Kitchen and Wine Bar, 595-9334, mtslocal.com

## Best Waiter/Waitress

**Best of the Best:** Zach Sotiriou, Restaurant Tek-Nique, 170 Route 101, Bedford, 488-5629, restaurantteknique.com

**Best of Concord:** Jonna Gaskell, Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com

**Best of Manchester:** Jessica Flynn, Tucker's, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 206-5757, tuckersnh.com

**Best of Nashua:** Bastian DiCaprio, San Francisco Kitchen, 133 Main St., Nashua, 886-8833, sfkitchen.com

**Best of Concord:** Dos Amigos Burritos, 26 N. Main St., Concord, 410-4161, dosamigosburritos.com

**Best of Manchester:** T-Bones Great American Eatery, 39 Crystal Ave., Derry, 434-3200, t-bones.com

**Best of Nashua:** T-Bones Great American Eatery, 77 Lowell Road, Hudson, 882-6677, t-bones.com

## Best Place to Take the Kids

**Best of the Best:** Cowabunga's, an indoor inflatable playground, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 625-8008, mycowabunga.com

**Best of Concord:** Krazy Kids, an indoor play center and party venue, 60 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, 228-7529, gokrazykids.com

**Best of Manchester:** SEE Science Center, an interactive science museum modeled after the Exploratorium in San Francisco, 200 Bedford St., Manchester, 669-0400, see-sciencecenter.org

**Best of Nashua:** Launch Trampoline Park, an indoor play center with giant trampolines, 17 Tanguay Ave., Nashua, 318-7600, launchnashua.com

## Best Place to take the Kids on a Rainy or Snowy Day

**Best of the Best:** Cowabunga's, an indoor inflatable playground, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 625-8008, mycowabunga.com

**Best of Concord:** Krazy Kids, an indoor play center and party venue, 60 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, 228-7529, gokrazykids.com

**Best of Manchester:** SEE Science Center, an interactive science museum modeled after the Exploratorium in San Francisco, 200 Bedford St., Manchester, 669-0400, see-sciencecenter.org

**Best of Nashua:** Launch Trampoline Park, an indoor play center with giant trampolines, 17 Tanguay Ave., Nashua, 318-7600, launchnashua.com

# FAMILY FUN

## Favorite Farm

**Best of the Best:** Lull Farm, 65 Broad St., Hollis, 465-7079, livefreeandfarm.com, grows vegetables from cauliflower to kale and fruits like apples, kiwi and even dragonfruit.

**Best of Concord:** Dimond Hill Farm, 314 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 496-8218, dimondhillfarm.com, grows a wide variety of produce and its farm stand sells locally produced cheeses, eggs, pickles and more.

**Best of Manchester:** J&F Farms, 120 Chester Road, Derry, 437-0535, facebook.com/jffarms, grows potatoes, squash, peppers, beans and more.

**Best of Nashua:** Trombly Gardens, 150 N. River Road, Milford, 673-0647, tromblygardens.ipage.com, grows mostly vegetables with a wide variety from lettuce and zucchini to kohlrabi and eggplant as well as fruits like watermelon.

## Best Restaurant for Kids

**Best of the Best:** Tucker's, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 206-5757, tuckersnh.com

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## Best Place to take Visiting Relatives

**Best of the Best:** Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org. An art museum founded in 1929 that features European and American paintings, decorative arts, photographs and sculptures, including works by Picasso, Monet, O'Keeffe and other notable artists.

**Best of Concord:** Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, 783-9511, shakers.org. A museum preserving an original Shaker village built in 1792 that includes 25 restored and four reconstructed buildings where visitors can learn about Shaker life.

**Best of Manchester:** Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials, 452 Mountain Road, Goffstown, 497-3975, uncanoounucmt.com. A plant and flower nursery with 2.5 acres of stock beds and potted plants nestled halfway up the south slope of North Uncanoonuc Mountain.

**Best of Nashua:** Anheuser-Busch Brewery, 221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 595-1202, budweisertours.com. The center of northeast operations for beer production and distribution for brands like Budweiser and the home of the famous Budweiser Clydesdales.

## PETS

### Best Pet Store

**Best of the Best:** WoofMeow Family Pet Center, 19A Manchester Road, Derry, 965-3218, woofmeownh.com

**Best of Concord:** Sandy's Pet Food Center, 141 Old Turnpike Road, Concord, 225-1177, sandyspetfood.com

**Best of Manchester:** Amoskeag Pet Supply, 468 S. Main St., Manchester, 647-4700

**Best of Nashua:** Pets Choice, 454 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-7297, petschoicenh.com

### Best Doggie Day Care

**Best of the Best:** The Barking Dog, 208 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, 222-2275, thebarkingdog.com

**Best of Concord:** Paws on Pine, 913 Pine St., Contoocook, 568-4022, pawsonpinenh.com (not taking new clients at this time)

**Best of Manchester:** All Dogs Gym &

Inn, 505 Sheffield Road, Manchester, 669-4644, alldogsgym.com

**Best of Nashua:** Superdogs Daycare, 637 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-1515, superdogsd daycare.com

### Best Place to Walk Your Dog

**Best of the Best:** Mine Falls Park, Whipple Street, Nashua, 589-3400, ext. 5005, nashuanh.gov. Features around 8 miles of trails over 325 acres of forest, open fields and wetlands, bordered by the Nashua River, Mill Pond and canal system.

**Best of Concord:** White Park, 1 White St., Concord, 225-8690, concordnh.gov. Features White Park Pond and several groomed trails over 20 acres.

**Best of Manchester:** Livingston Park, Hooksett Road, Manchester, 624-6444, manchesternh.gov. Features about 1 mile of unpaved trail loops around Dorrs Pond.

**Best of Nashua:** Benson Park, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov. Features 166 acres with multiple trails and a fenced-in dog park.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Best Local Radio Show

**Best:** *Greg and the Morning Buzz*, Rock 101 WGIR-FM/100.3 WHEB-FM, airs weekdays from 5:30 to 10 a.m., hosted by Greg Kretschmar, morningbuzz.com

**Runner-up:** *New Hampshire in the Morning*, 95.7 WZID-FM, airs weekdays from 5 to 10 a.m., hosted by Neil White and Marga Bessette, wzid.com

**Honorable Mention:** *The Exchange*, New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR), 89.1 FM Concord/Manchester/88.3 FM Nashua, airs weekdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and re-airs at 8 p.m., hosted by Laura Knoy, nhpr.org

### Best Local Radio Station

**Best:** 95.7 WZID-FM, today's variety, wzid.com

**Runner-up:** Rock 101 WGIR-FM, Manchester's rock station, rock101fm.com

**Honorable Mention:** New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR), airs news on various stations around the state including 89.1 FM Concord/Manchester and 88.3 FM Nashua. Visit nhpr.org.

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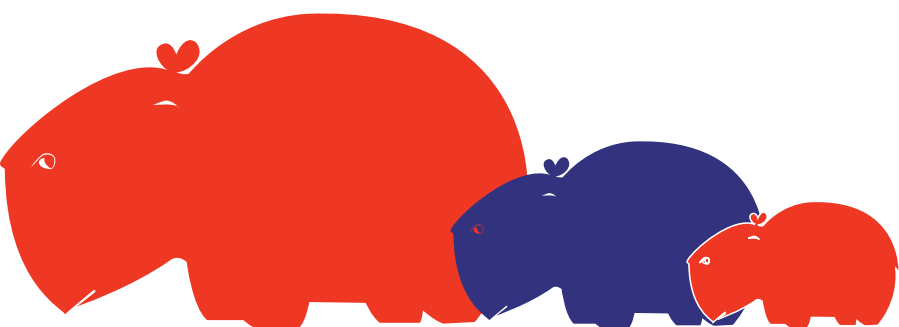
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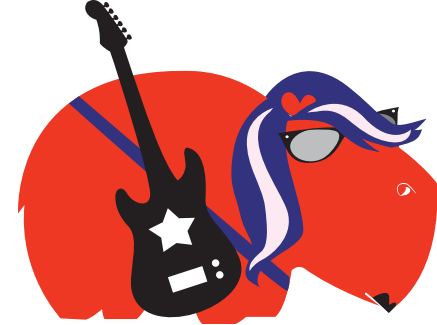
**Best:** Red River Theatres, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org  
**Runner-up:** Chunky's Cinema Pub, 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua, 880-8055, chunkys.com  
**Honorable Mention:** Wilton Town Hall Theatre, 40 Main St., Wilton, 654-3456, wiltontownhalltheatre.com

## Best Bookstore/Comic Book Store

**Best of the Best:** Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com  
**Best of Concord:** MainStreet BookEnds, 16 E. Main St., Warner, 456-2700, mainstreetbookends.com  
**Best of Manchester:** Double Midnight Comics, 245 Maple St., Manchester, 669-9636, dmcomics.com  
**Best of Nashua:** The Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Lorden Plaza, Milford, 673-1734, toadbooks.com

## Best Community Event

**Best of the Best:** Winter Holiday Stroll, held in downtown Nashua, features music, food, shopping, live entertainment, and a candlelight stroll down Main Street. This year's stroll is on Saturday, Nov. 26. Hosted by Great American Downtown Nashua, downtownnashua.org  
**Best of Concord:** Market Days Festival, held in downtown Concord every summer, features food, shopping and free entertainment. This year's festival is Thursday, June 23, through Saturday, June 25. Hosted by Intown Concord, intownconcord.org  
**Best of Manchester:** Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off and Regatta, held in downtown Goffstown, includes a largest-pumpkin competition and a race in giant pumpkin boats down the Piscatacuog River. This year's event is on Saturday, Oct. 15, and Sunday, Oct. 16. Hosted by Goffstown Main Street Program, goffstownmainstreet.org  
**Best of Nashua:** Milford Pumpkin Festi-



val, held throughout Milford, features three days of food, entertainment, crafts, kids' activities and lots of pumpkins. This year's festival is Friday, Oct. 7, through Sunday, Oct. 9. Hosted by the Milford Improvement Team, milfordpumpkinfestival.org

## ENTERTAINERS

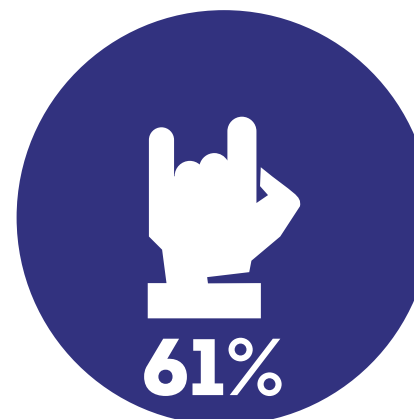
### Best Local Band

**Best:** Hunter, alternative rock/folk, facebook.com/Hunterbandofficial. Next local show is at Fody's Tavern in Nashua on Friday, April 22, at 10 p.m.  
**Runner-up:** Pat & the Hats, pop/rock, patandthehats.com. Next local show is at True Brew Barista in Concord on Friday, April 15, at 8 p.m.  
**Honorable Mention:** Dusty Gray Band, rock/country, see "Dusty Gray" on Facebook. The band moved on to other music opportunities in Nashville in the summer of 2015 but returned for a New Hampshire tour in late January.

### Best Local Solo Performer

**Best:** Brad Bosse of Milford, acoustic/rock, facebook.com/BradBosseMusic. Next local show is at Fratello's in Manchester on Friday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m.  
**Runner-up:** MB Padfield of Manchester, rock/pop, facebook.com/mbpadfield. Next local show is at Tortilla Flat in Merrimack on Wednesday, March 30, at 6 p.m.  
**Honorable Mention:** Tristan Omand of Manchester, Americana, tristanomand.com. New album released on April 8.

## ROCK OR COUNTRY?





Next local show is at The Common Cafe & Tavern in Rumney on Saturday, March 26, at 7 p.m. Omand hosts and performs at the "Six Strings, Three Chords" series held at New England College's performance space on Main Street in Concord every second Friday at 7 p.m.

### Best Local Comedian

**Best:** Nick Lavalley, theotherdude.com. Next local show is at the Shaskeen in Manchester on Wednesday, April 6, at 9 p.m.

**Runner-up:** Juston McKinney, justonmckinney.com. Next local show is at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on Saturday, April 2, at 8 p.m.

**Honorable Mention:** Paul Landwehr, paulandwehr.com. Next local show is at Headliners Comedy Club at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester on Saturday, March 26, at 8:30 p.m.

### Best Local Radio Show Host

**Best:** Greg Kretschmar from *Greg and the Morning Buzz*, Rock 101 WGIR-FM/100.3 WHEB-FM, morningbuzz.com. Show airs weekdays from 5:30 to 10 a.m.

**Runner-up:** Laura Knoy from *The Exchange*, New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR), 89.1 FM Concord/Manchester/88.3 FM Nashua, nhpr.org. Show airs

weekdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and re-airs at 8 p.m.

**Honorable Mention:** Nazy from *Morning Wake Up*, 98.3 WLNH-FM, wlnh.nh1media.com. Show airs weekdays from 6 to 9 a.m.

### Best Local NH Sports Team

**Best:** Manchester Monarchs, minor-league affiliate of the NHL's L.A. Kings, manchestermonarchs.com. The next and final home game of the season is on Friday, April 8. Home ice is at the Verizon Wireless Arena in downtown Manchester.

**Runner-up:** New Hampshire Fisher Cats, Manchester-based AA affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team, milb.com. The 2016 season home opener is on Monday, April 11. Home field is Northeast Delta Dental Stadium.

**Honorable Mention:** University of New Hampshire Wildcats men's hock-

ey team, NCAA Division I, nhwildcats.com. Home ice is at the Whittemore Center Arena at UNH in Durham.

## NIGHTLIFE

### Best Bar for Live Music

**Best of the Best:** The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant, 909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, theshaskeenpub.com. Hosts various music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

**Best of Concord:** True Brew Barista, 3 Bicentennial Square, Concord, 225-2776, truebrewbarista.com. Hosts various music on Fridays and Saturdays around 8 p.m.

**Best of Manchester:** Strange Brew Tavern, 88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292, strangebrewtavern.net. Hosts various music on Tuesdays and Thursday through Saturday, and blues on Sundays around 8 p.m.

**Best of Nashua:** Riverwalk Cafe & Music Bar, 35 Railroad Square, Nashua, 578-0200, riverwalknashua.com. Hosts various music Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m., including jazz every second Sunday, and Celtic on Sundays at 1 p.m.

### Best Bar with an Outdoor Deck

**Best of the Best:** The Derryfield Restaurant, 625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

**Best of Concord:** Downtown Cheers Grille & Bar, 17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com

**Best of Manchester:** Murphy's Taproom, 494 Elm St., Manchester, 644-3535, murphystaproom.net

**Best of Nashua:** The Pasta Loft Restaurant, 241 Union Square, Milford, 672-2270, pastaloft.com

### Best Date Place

**Best of the Best:** Mint Bistro, 1105 Elm St., Manchester, 625-6468, mintbistronh.com

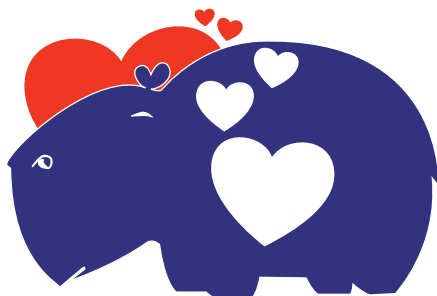
**Best of Concord:** Angelina's Ristorante Italiano, 11 Depot St., Concord, 228-3313, angelinasrestaurant.com

**Best of Manchester:** Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com

**Best of Nashua:** Stella Blu, 70 E. Pearl St., Nashua, 578-5557, stellablu-nh.com

### Best Sports Bar

**Best of the Best:** Billy's Sports Bar & Grill, 34 Tarrytown Road, Manchester, 622-3644, billyssportsbar.com



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**Best of Concord:** The Draft Sports Bar & Grill, 67 S. Main St., Concord, 227-1175, draftsportsbar.com

**Best of Manchester:** The Dugout, 1087 Elm St., Manchester, 206-5599, facebook.com/thedugoutNH

**Best of Nashua:** Arena Sports Bar & Restaurant, 53 High St., Nashua, 881-9060, arenanh.com

## Best Pub Trivia Night

**Best of the Best:** The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant, 909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, theshaskeenpub.com. Held Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

**Best of Concord:** The Barley House, 132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com. Held Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

**Best of Manchester:** The Farm Bar & Grille, 1181 Elm St., Manchester, 641-3276, farmbargrille.com. Held Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.

**Best of Nashua:** The Peddler's Daughter, 48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com. Held Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.

## Best Karaoke Night

**Best of the Best:** Yee Dynasty, 830 S. Willow St., Manchester, 625-5500, yee-dynasty.com. Held every night of the week at 9 p.m.

**Best of Concord:** Beijing and Tokyo Restaurant, 61 S. Main St., Concord, 228-0888, beijingtokyoconcordnh.com. Held Fridays and Saturdays around 9 p.m.

**Best of Manchester:** McGarvey's Saloon, 1097 Elm St., Manchester, 627-2721, mcgarveysnh.com. Held Tuesday through Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

**Best of Nashua:** Fody's Great American Tavern, 9 Clinton St., Nashua, 577-9015, fodystavern.com. Held Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m.

## OUTDOORS

### Best Local Hiking Trail

**Best of the Best:** Mine Falls Park, Whipple Street, Nashua, 589-3400, ext. 5005, nashuanh.gov. Features around 8 miles of trails over 325 acres of forest, open fields and wetlands, bordered by the Nashua River, Millpond and canal system.

**Best of Concord:** Marjory Swope Park, Long Pond Road, Concord, 225-8515, concordnh.gov. Features an easy trail loop about 2 miles long with a view of Penacook Lake.

**Best of Manchester:** Lake Massabesic, off the Londonderry Turnpike, Manchester, 624-6444, manchesternh.gov. Features multiple trails ranging from 1/2 mile to over 3 miles in length.

**Best of Nashua:** Beaver Brook, 117

Ridge Road, Hollis, 465-7787, beaverbrook.org. Features 35 miles of trails.

## Best City Park

**Best of the Best:** White Park, 1 White St., Concord, 225-8690, concordnh.gov. Features 20 acres with walking paths, a sports field and court, White Park Pond, an ice skating rink in the winter, a pool in the summer and the city's largest playground.

**Best of Concord:** Rollins Park, 116 Broadway St., Concord, 225-8690, concordnh.gov. Features walking paths, a playground, sports fields, a gazebo, a pool in the summer and ice skating rink in the winter.

**Best of Manchester:** Livingston Park, Hooksett Road, Manchester, 624-6444, manchesternh.gov. Features a playground, sports field, running track, pool and about 1 mile of unpaved trail loops around the 25-acre Dorrs Pond, which is open for fishing and boating in the summer and ice skating in the winter.

**Best of Nashua:** Greeley Park, 100 Concord St., Nashua, 589-3370, nashuanh.gov. Features 125 acres with sports fields and courts, picnic areas, a playground, hiking trails, a wading pool and a bandstand and is a hotspot for community events.

## Best State Park

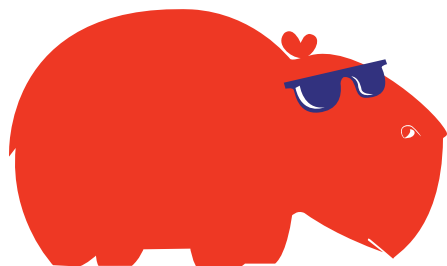
**Best:** Pawtuckaway State Park, 128 Mountain Road, Nottingham, 895-3031, nhstateparks.org. Features a diverse landscape with a family beach on the lake and hiking trails where wildlife and special points of interest can be seen.

**Runner-up:** Bear Brook State Park, 61 Deerfield Road, Allenstown, 485-9869, nhstateparks.org. With more than 10,000 acres, it's the largest developed state park in New Hampshire and features 40 miles of trails through various terrain and two archery ranges.

**Honorable Mention:** Odiorne Point State Park, 570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, 436-7406, nhstateparks.org. Features various trails with views of the ocean and is home to the Seacoast Science Center.

## Best Sledding Hill

**Best of the Best:** Derryfield Country Club, 625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 669-0235, derryfieldgolf.com. Large hill located on the golf course.





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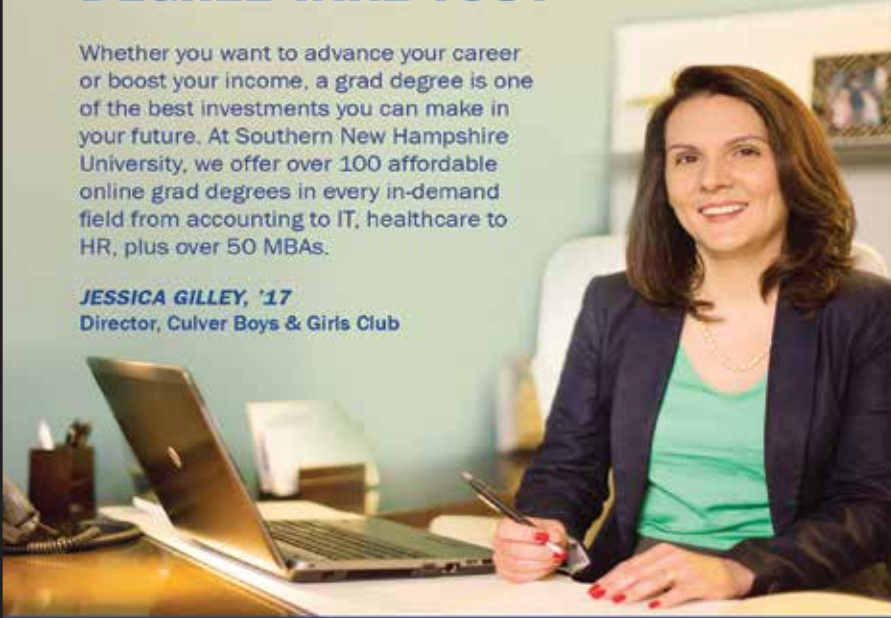


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**Best of Concord:** White Park, 1 White St., Concord, 225-8690, [concordnh.gov](http://concordnh.gov). A sledding hill is located next to a ball field.  
**Best of Manchester:** Mack's Apples, 230 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, 434-7619, [macksapples.com](http://macksapples.com). Hills and trails located around the property.  
**Best of Nashua:** Roby Park, Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 589-3370, [nashuanh.gov](http://nashuanh.gov). A steep hill is located near the back of the park.

### Best Local Ski Hill

**Best:** Pat's Peak Ski Area, 686 Flanders Road, Henniker, 428-3245, [patspeak.com](http://patspeak.com)  
**Runner-up:** McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Court, Manchester, 622-6159, [mcintyreskiarea.com](http://mcintyreskiarea.com)  
**Honorable Mention:** Gunstock Mountain Resort, 719 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, 293-4341, [gunstock.com](http://gunstock.com)

### Best Golf Course

**Best of the Best:** Derryfield Country Club, 625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 669-0235, [derryfieldgolf.com](http://derryfieldgolf.com)  
**Best of Concord:** Beaver Meadow Golf Course, 1 Beaver Meadow Drive, Concord, 228-8954, [beavermeadowgolf-course.com](http://beavermeadowgolf-course.com)  
**Best of Manchester:** Manchester Country Club, 180 S. River Road, Bedford, 624-4096, [manchestercountryclub.com](http://manchestercountryclub.com)  
**Best of Nashua:** Sky Meadow Country Club, 6 Mountain Laurels Drive, Nashua, 888-9000, [skymeadow.com](http://skymeadow.com)

## NOTABLE LOCALS

### Best Mechanic

**Best of the Best:** Nathan Grace, Black Widow Customs, 51B Kosciuszko St., Manchester, 624-0400, [blackwidowcustoms.com](http://blackwidowcustoms.com)  
**Best of Concord:** Ryan Arsenault, Pellerin Motorsports, 219 Pembroke St., Suncook, 210-1637, [pellerinmotorsports.com](http://pellerinmotorsports.com)  
**Best of Manchester:** Ralph Brutus, Brutus Auto Repair & Service, 148 Merrimack St.,



**Best of Concord:** 624-8881, [brutusauto.com](http://brutusauto.com)  
**Best of Nashua:** Chad Tanguay, Merrimack Auto Center, 9 Webb Drive, Merrimack, 216-9596, [merrimackautocenterllc.com](http://merrimackautocenterllc.com)

### Best Teacher

**Best of the Best:** Deborah Otterson (second grade), Saint John Regional School, 61 State St., Concord  
**Best of Concord:** Bonnie Larochelle (third grade), Christa McAuliffe School, 17 N. Spring St., Concord  
**Best of Manchester:** Leah Murphy (art), Saint Casimir School, 456 Union St., Manchester  
**Best of Nashua:** Tracey Tierney (third grade), Heron Pond Elementary School, 80 Heron Pond Road, Milford

## COOL STUFF

### Best Historical or Cultural Site or Museum

**Best:** Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, [currier.org](http://currier.org). An art museum founded in 1929 that features European and American paintings, decorative arts, photographs and sculptures, including works by Picasso, Monet, O'Keeffe and other notable artists.  
**Runner-up:** Strawberry Banke Museum, 14 Hancock St., Portsmouth, 433-1100, [strawberrybanke.org](http://strawberrybanke.org). A 10-acre outdoor history museum featuring over 40 restored buildings and costumed role-players that recreate various time periods between the 17th and 19th centuries.  
**Honorable Mention:** Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, 783-9511, [shakers.org](http://shakers.org). A museum preserving an original Shaker village built in 1792 that includes 25 restored and four reconstructed buildings where visitors can learn about Shaker life.

### Coollest-looking Building

**Best of the Best:** New Hampshire Statehouse, 107 N. Main St., Concord, [nh.gov](http://nh.gov)  
**Best of Concord:** Gasholder House, S. Main St., Concord, [concordnh.gov](http://concordnh.gov)  
**Best of Manchester:** New Hampshire Institute of Art, Lowell Street Building, 88 Lowell St., Manchester, [nhia.edu](http://nhia.edu)  
**Best of Nashua:** Hunt Memorial Building, 6 Main St., Nashua, [nashuanh.gov](http://nashuanh.gov)

### Best Thing About Living in NH

**Best:** New Hampshire's four seasons (with fans of all seasons, but particularly autumn and, if you can believe it, winter)  
**Runner-up:** New Hampshire's unique geography, with mountains, lakes, beaches and forests — all close to Boston  
**Honorable Mention:** The state's natural beauty 🍁



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# THIS WEEK

## EVENTS TO CHECK OUT MARCH 24 - 30, 2016, AND BEYOND

### Thursday, March 24

Don't miss the final weekend of the hit rock musical *Rock of Ages* at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester). Showtimes are Thursday, March 24, and Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 26, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 to \$45. Visit [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org) or call 668-5588. Photo by Almorinda Photography.



### Thursday, March 24

There may still be time left to figure out where to go for your **Easter brunch, lunch or dinner**, which is this Sunday, March 27. The Hippo ran its annual list of restaurants serving special Easter meals in the March 17 issue, which you can find at [hippopress.com](http://hippopress.com).



### Friday, March 25

The New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo will be at the Radisson Hotel (700 Elm St., Manchester) on Friday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be over 100 tables and 75 dealers, plus special exhibits, guest speakers, free appraisals, live auctions and a children's coin collecting program. Admission costs \$3 per day or \$5 for the weekend, free for kids age 12 and under. Visit [nhcoinexpo.com](http://nhcoinexpo.com).

#### Eat: On the Seacoast

Get out and enjoy local cuisine during **Restaurant Week Portsmouth & The Seacoast**. From Thursday, March 31, through Saturday, April 9, 51 area restaurants will offer three-course lunches for \$16.95 and three-course dinners for \$29.95 to an anticipated 100,000 diners. Visit [restaurantweekportsmouth.com](http://restaurantweekportsmouth.com) for a list of participating restaurants and menus.

#### Drink: Teddy Hopper

IncrediBREW (112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua) is hosting a **Teddy Hopper Friday Night Split-a-Batch** on Friday, March 25, at 6 p.m. This Imperial IPA recipe modeled after a famous Vermont beer features citrus, piney flavor and aroma. The cost is \$30 per variety case, \$40 with bottles and cap stickers included. Register online at [incredibrew.com](http://incredibrew.com).



### Friday, March 25

McGowan Fine Art (10 Hills Ave., Concord) hosts a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. for "**Trans Pose**," a new gallery show featuring portraits of LGBTQIA individuals, created by transgender artist Catherine Graffam. The reception is free and open to the public. The show runs until April 22. Visit [mcgowanfineart.com](http://mcgowanfineart.com) or call 225-2515. See the Hippo's story in the March 17 issue at [hippopress.com](http://hippopress.com).



### Tuesday, March 29

Celebrate cultural diversity with NHTT's student-run Cross Cultural Club as it hosts its 16th annual **Multicultural Day**. In the gym (31 College Drive, Concord) from noon to 2:30 p.m., there will be displays, artifacts, music, dancing and free food tastings presented by students, faculty and staff and community organizations. This event is free and open to the public. Visit [nhti.edu](http://nhti.edu) or call 230-4055.

#### Be Merry: At the flea market

Stop by the Nashua Senior Center (70 Temple St., Nashua) Saturday, March 26, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a **Spring Flea Market**, featuring 30 vendors selling new and used items, a book sale, a designers corner and a raffle. The thrift shop will have clothing for sale, "fill a bag" for \$4. A representative of Nashua Coin and Collectables will also be on site to weigh and purchase gold. This event is free and open to the public. Call 816-2643 for more information.

Looking for more stuff to do this week? Check out **Hippo Scout**, available via the Apple App Store, Google Play and online at [hipposcout.com](http://hipposcout.com).



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Concord Community Education  
170 Warren Street, Concord, NH 03301.

**#4 WALK-INS • MON-THU**  
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Registrations can be filled out and left in a sealed envelope (with payment) under the door of the Community Education Office any other time the school is open and we are not. Please do not leave cash!

**#5 BY FAX • 225-0826**  
Fax registration form, with credit/debit card or business billing information.

COURSE	WKS	TIME	TUITION	EXTRA	START	ROOM
Argentine Tango (M/Th)	4	7:00-8:00	\$124/cpl	-	4/18	ADS
Belly Dancing	8	6:00-8:00	\$144	-	4/11	W3094
Chemistry (HS Credit) (M/W)	9	5:30-8:30	\$357	\$75	6/22	E335
French 1 Level 3	10	5:30-7:00	\$144	-	4/11	W2043
Native American History	6	6:30-8:30	\$109	-	4/11	W4004
Russian 1	10	6:00-8:00	\$181	-	4/11	W2038
Self Defense: <i>Don't Be a Victim</i>	10	7:00-9:00	\$181	-	4/11	ADS
Spanish 1 Level 1	10	7:30-9:00	\$144	\$19	4/11	W2039
Spanish 1 Level 3	10	5:45-7:15	\$144	-	4/11	W2039
Stock Market w/ Tony Hartigan	3	6:00-7:30	\$44	-	4/11	W4032
Watercolor	8	6:00-8:30	\$181	varies	4/11	W2096
Yoga - Monday	10	6:15-7:15	\$94	-	4/11	W2097
Zumba - Monday	10	5:45-6:45	\$59	-	4/11	CMS

COURSE	WKS	TIME	TUITION	EXTRA	START	ROOM
Algebra (HS Credit) (T/TH)	9	5:30-8:30	\$357	-	6/23	W2041
Anyone Can Draw Level 1	1	6:00-8:00	\$19	-	4/19	W2097
Anyone Can Draw Level 3	1	4:00-6:00	\$19	-	4/19	W2097
Art in Lecture & Creativity	7	7:00-8:30	\$99	-	4/12	W2086
Basic Auto Repair	8	6:00-8:00	\$144	-	4/12	W2068
Biology (HS Credit) (T/TH)	9	5:30-8:30	\$357	\$75	6/23	E343
Chaircaning	6	6:00-8:30	\$144	varies	4/12	W2093
Fly-Tying Intermediate	5	6:00-8:30	\$98	varies	4/12	W2080
Intro. to Soap Making	1	6:00-7:00	\$19	-	4/12	E335
Multi-Medium Open Studio	7	6:30-8:45	\$126	varies	4/26	W2096

COURSE	WKS	TIME	TUITION	EXTRA	START	ROOM
Archery Beginner	4	6:00-7:00	\$70	-	5/4	RMS
Archery Intermediate	4	7:00-8:30	\$80	-	5/4	RMS
Breathing the Right Way	10	6:00-8:00	\$181	-	4/13	W2013
Elements of Drawing	6	4:00-5:45	\$99	varies	4/13	W2096
Fly-Tying Introduction	5	6:00-8:30	\$98	varies	4/13	W2080
French Adv. Conversation	10	5:45-7:15	\$144	-	4/13	W2043
French 3 Level 3	10	7:30-9:00	\$144	-	4/13	W2043
French Style Cooking	1	6:00-9:00	\$29	\$14	4/27	W3058
Hypnosis:						
Intro to Self-Hypnosis	3	6:00-7:30	\$47	-	4/13	Media Ctr
Advanced Self-Hypnosis	3	6:00-7:30	\$47	-	5/4	Media Ctr
Group Hypnosis/Self Improve	3	6:00-7:30	\$47	-	5/25	Media Ctr
Italian Intermed/Advanced	10	6:00-7:30	\$144	-	4/13	W2047
Italian Old World Cooking	8	6:00-9:00	\$174	\$14	4/13	W3058
Landscape for the Homeowner	8	6:00-8:30	\$181	-	4/13	W2042
Meditation	10	6:00-7:00	\$94	-	4/13	W2097
Oil Painting	8	6:00-8:30	\$181	varies	4/13	W2096
Photography: The Next Step	8	6:00-9:00	\$199	-	4/13	W2086
Russian 2	10	6:00-8:00	\$181	-	4/13	W2038
Selling at a Farmer's Market	1	6:00-9:00	\$35	-	4/13	W3112
Small Engine Repair	8	7:00-9:00	\$134	\$12	4/13	W2086
Ukrainian Egg Decorating	2	6:00-7:30	\$29	\$20	5/11	W2093
Writing: Fiction & NonFiction	10	6:00-8:00	\$181	\$5	4/13	W2097
Yoga - Wednesday	10	3:30-4:30	\$94	-	4/13	W2097

## COMPUTERS

Courses for those with limited experience/knowledge:

\$95 Basic Computer Skills	6:00-9:00	Apr. 11, 12
\$195 Intro. Personal Computer	6:00-9:00	Apr. 18, 19, 20, 21
\$195 Windows	6:00-9:00	Apr. 25, 26, 27, 28

### Word Processing:

\$195 MS-Word - Level 2	6:00-9:00	May 9, 10, 11, 12
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### DataBase:

\$195 Access - Level 2	6:00-9:00	May 23, 24, 25, 26
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### Graphic Presentation:

\$195 PhotoShop	6:00-9:00	May 3, 4, 10, 11
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### Financial:

\$195 QuickBooks	6:00-9:00	May 16, 17, 18, 19
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### Misc:

\$95 Google Sites	5:30-7:30	Apr. 11, 13
\$195 Adobe Software Preview	5:00-8:00	Apr. 11, 12, 18, 19
\$145 Google "Office" Overview	5:30-7:30	Apr. 18, 19, 20
\$25 Buy Gift Cards to Save Big Money	5:30-7:30	Apr. 21

### Spreadsheet:

\$195 MS-Excel ~ Level 1	6:00-9:00	May 2, 3, 4, 5
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COURSE	WKS	TIME	TUITION	EXTRA	START	ROOM
Acrylics on Canvas	8	6:00-8:30	\$181	varies	4/14	W2096
Alchemy of Spirit & Earth	10	6:00-8:00	\$181	varies	4/14	W2097
Ballroom Dance Intermediate Level:						
East Coast Swing / Salsa	8	6:00-7:00	\$124/cpl	-	4/14	ADS
Hustle / Samba	8	7:00-8:00	\$124/cpl	-	4/14	ADS
Foxtrot / Quickstep	8	8:00-9:00	\$124/cpl	-	4/14	ADS
Digital Camera: The Basics	5	6:00-9:00	\$124	-	4/14	W2086
Digital Camera 2 Basic Photoshop	7	6:00-9:00	\$174	-	5/19	W2086
Group Hypnosis: Quit Smoking	3	6:00-7:30	\$47	-	4/14	Media Ctr
How to Play the Keyboard	8	8:00-9:00	\$79	-	4/14	BMS
Italian 1 Level 3	10	6:00-7:30	\$144	-	4/14	W2047
Musical Improvisation	8	6:00-7:00	\$79	-	4/14	BMS
Organic Gardening	1	6:00-9:00	\$35	-	4/14	W3112
Reiki 1	3	6:00-9:00	\$79	-	4/14	W3062
Reiki 2	3	6:00-9:00	\$89	-	5/112	W3062
Rug Braiding	10	7:00-9:00	\$181	varies	4/14	W2091
Songwriting	8	7:00-8:00	\$79	-	4/14	BMS
VOICE-OVERS	1	6:30-8:30	\$40	-	5/5	W4013
Zumba - Thursday	10	5:45-6:45	\$59	-	4/14	CMS

COURSE	WKS	TIME	TUITION	EXTRA	START	ROOM
Electric Bass Guitar Intro.	8	6:00-7:00	\$79	\$10	4/15	BMS
Finale Music Software Intro.	8	5:00-6:00	\$79	\$10	4/15	BMS
Guitar Beginners	10	7:30-9:00	\$139	-	4/15	CMS
How to Play the Harmonica	8	4:00-5:00	\$79	-	4/15	BMS
Violin Level 1	10	6:00-7:30	\$139	-	4/15	CMS

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# ARTS

## Get Lost

NH Theatre Factory presents new interpretation of Wonderland

By Kelly Sennott  
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*Lost in Wonderland's* Cheshire Cat is made of eight young actors, each performing as a different cat part — eyes, legs, tail, smile. Made from wood, chicken wire, fabric, foam and glow-in-the-dark paint, the puppet is one of the big wow factors in New Hampshire Theatre Factory's take on the Lewis Carroll story.

The kids have been practicing with the pieces religiously, timing movements to fit NHTF Artistic Director and playwright Joel Mercier's voice recordings of the Cheshire Cat's lines. They got some help from professional puppeteer Faye Dupras earlier this season.

The kids, ages 8 to 18, are also learning a new story and new music, courtesy of Mercier, and they'll perform it all with British accents.

Mercier wanted another surprising and challenging play for the Stage Setters Youth Program after last year's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, which involved Dutch clogging and stage combat. Alice's story offered fantastical theater opportunities, and it gave every kid a character to work on. Many roles weren't gender-specific.

There are lots of stage versions of the Lewis Carroll story, from Broadway to



Skylar Mathews (March Hare), Sofia Burden (Dormouse), Margaret Fair (Alice) and Katharine Demers (Mad Hatter). Photo by Joel Mercier.

Disney, but Mercier began writing *Lost in Wonderland* last summer, stealing themes and characters from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, in the hopes of creating something fresh.

"The fun part about *Sleepy Hollow* was having these kids come in and create characters and work on a show they didn't know. It obviously wasn't a known Broadway musical. So I thought, why not continue down that vein and make an original piece?" Mercier said. "I'm a composer and a writer, and for me, this is another expression of art I get to do, which is equally exciting for me."

This version is set in 1860s London and thus called for accent work from the kids, with the help of guest dialect coach Alex

Jacobs, originally from Aylesbury, England. The work fit with one of the goals of the youth program — to create an educational environment and expose kids to craft technique and theater professionals.

"I feel like, so often we kind of neglect [accents] — no matter what the show is, even if it's *A Christmas Carol*. *Alice in Wonderland* doesn't have to be set in England. Obviously the Disney movie doesn't have British accents," Mercier said. "A British accent, as with any accent for that matter, has to do with training. ... Real accent work is knowing what the phonetic alphabet is, and what vowels and consonants get changed in that accent. ... There's actually a lot of craft and technique that helps you make it perfect."

*Lost in Wonderland* also pulls what

Mercier believes is subtext from the tale.

"To me, the book is all about growing up. It's about becoming an adult. I actually do believe that's what Lewis Carroll was intending it to be about. All those references to not feeling right in your body, growing, shrinking. ... They're references of somebody on the verge of growing up and what complications and challenges come with that," Mercier said. "And so I've added a lot of dialogue and aspects to the story to try to make that shine through."

Margaret Fair, 15, of Boscawen, plays Alice and has been responding to the extra work involved with producing a new play with care. In rehearsals, she's thinking, how would Alice respond to this situation? How would she sound? How would she stand? But she relates to the play's themes.

"I think, personally, I've connected with the story. In this version, she's around my age, and I'm starting to go through high school and have started thinking about college, and I'm kind of starting to realize everything's going to start changing," Fair said.

Chris Graham, 14, of Hudson, has a lot of dynamic characters to work on. He's the Cheshire Cat tail and Percy Penzington — the boy Alice's parents are trying to set her up with — but he's also the White Knight, which is Percy's Wonderland persona.

"It's a lot of character work. You're two characters who are essentially the same person," Graham said between rehearsals. "I like to think of it as, Percy wears a lot of different masks to hide his personality because that's what his mom keeps telling him to do. The White Knight is stripping that down, and it's just who he is."

### See Alice in Wonderland

**Where:** Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry  
**When:** Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 26, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Tickets:** \$16  
**Contact:** nhtheatrefactory.org

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#### Theater Productions

- **THE REALNESS: A BREAK BEAT PLAY** Merrimack Repertory Theatre production. Play by Idris Goodwin. March 16 through April 10. Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell. Tickets start at \$15. Visit mrt.org.
- **ROCK OF AGES** Palace Theatre production. March 4 through March 26. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$25-\$45. Visit palacetheatre.org. Call 668-5588.
- **MARGARET BOURKE-**

#### WHITE, AMERICA'S EYES

Living history program based on photographer, performed by Sally Matson. Thurs., March 24, at 6:45 p.m. Hooksett Public Library, 31 Mount Saint Marys Way, Hooksett. Free. Call 485-6092.

• **SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE'S THE ADVENTURE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES** Produced by Aquila Theatre. Thurs., March 24, at 7:30 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. Free. Reservations required. Visit ccanh.com.

#### • DORKS IN DUNGEONS

Improv reminiscent of *Dungeons & Dragons* and *World of Warcraft*. Thurs., March 24, at 8 p.m. 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth. \$12 or pay-what-you-can at the door. Visit dorksindungeons.com, 3Sarts.org.

• **SAVIOR OF THE WORLD: HIS BIRTH AND RESURRECTION** Easter musical. Thurs., March 24, at 7 p.m.; Fri., March 25, at 7 p.m.; Sat., March 26, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 110 Concord St.,

Nashua. Free, tickets required as seating is limited. Visit sotwnashua.com.

- **THE FLICK** Rolling Die Productions show. March 25-April 10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sun., March 27, and Sun., April 3, at 7 p.m., Sun., April 10, at 3 p.m. Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. \$15. Visit playersring.org. Call 436-8123.
- **LOST IN WONDERLAND** Youth Stage Setters program. Music, lyrics and book by Joel Mercier. Adaptation of Lewis

Carroll novel. Fri., March 25, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 26, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry. Visit nhtheatrefactory.org.

• **MURDER: IT'S NO DAY AT THE BEACH** Murder mystery dinner theater. Get-A-Clue Productions. Wed., June 29, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., June 30, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Castle in the Clouds, Carriage House, Rt. 171, 455 Old Mountain Road, Moultonborough. \$60. Dinner included. Visit castleinthecLOUDS.org.

• **SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK,**

**JR.** Palace Youth Theatre production. Wed., March 30, at 7 p.m.; Fri., April 1, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wed., April 6, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., April 7, at 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$14. Visit palacetheatre.org. Call 668-5588.

• **THE MIRACLE WORKER** Three-act play based on Helen Keller's autobiography. March 31-April 10. Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. \$16. Call 335-1992. Visit rochesteroperahouse.com.

• **HAPENNY MAGICK** Based on Jennifer Carson's award-win-



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Notes from the theater scene

• **Bad year for tomatoes:** The Majestic Theatre presents *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* next weekend at the Executive Court Banquet Facility, 1199 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester. The comic dinner presentation is about the misfortunes of a famous television actress who seeks to get away from it all in a small New England town. The show stars Regina Dixon, Betty Fortin, Rohan-Kabir Amin, Robert Lalime, Elizabeth Leach and Sheila Melanson. Becky Rush directs. Showtimes are Friday, April 1, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 2, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m. Dinner is included with tickets, which are \$42 for Friday and Saturday, \$38 for Sunday. Call 669-7469 or visit majestictheatre.net. Advance reservations are required within 24 hours of a performance.

• **Presenting the Hatbox Theatre:** There's a new performance space in Concord — the Hatbox Theatre, a 92-seat black box located at the Steeplegate Mall. Opening date is April 1, and the first few weeks will feature two plays, a progressive rock concert and the onset of a monthly series dedicated to stand-up comedy, live podcast recordings, sleight-of-hand magic and more, according to a recent press release. Founders started an indiegogo campaign last week; visit indiegogo.com/projects/hatbox-theatre#. The first show is *2 Across*, a romantic comedy in one act by Jerry Mayer, starring Mo Demers and Dan Scheys. Showtimes are Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m.; Friday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are

mining children's fantasy by same name. Fri., April 1, at 7 p.m.; Sat., April 2, at 2 p.m.; Sun., April 3, at 2 p.m. Warner Town Hall, 5 E. Main St., Warner. \$15. Call 526-2910.

• **HOOKING UP WITH THE SECOND CITY** Chicago improv group visits NH. Mature content. Fri., April 1, at 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. \$20-\$24. Call 335-1992.

• **WELL-BEHAVED WOMEN** By Jes Marbacher, directed by Meghann Beauchamp. Youth Rep company production about women's rights movement. Fri., April 1, at 7 p.m.; Sat., April 2, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sun., April 3, at 2 p.m. West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. \$10. Visit nhtheatreproject.org. Call 431-6644, ext. 1.

• **2 ACROSS** Romantic comedy by Jerry Mayer, starring Mo Demers, Dan Scheys. Fri., April 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 2, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., April 3, at 3 p.m.; Fri., April 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., April 10, at 3 p.m. Hatbox Theatre, 270 Loudon Road, Concord. \$15. Visit hatboxnh.com.

• **INTO THE WOODS** Winnisquam Regional High School production. Fri., April 1, at 7 p.m.; Sat., April 2, at 7 p.m.; Sun., April 3, at 2 p.m. Winnisquam Regional High School, 435 W. Main St., Tilton. \$10. Call 848-7979.

• **SNOW WHITE** Southern NH Youth Ballet production. Sat., April 2, at 1:30 & 4:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$20. Visit palace-theatre.org.

• **DISCOVERING MAGIC** Magic show by Andrew Pinard. Wed., April 6, at 7:30 p.m.; Wed., May 4, at 7:30 p.m.; Wed., June 1, at 7:30 p.m. Hatbox Theatre, Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Road, Concord. \$15. Visit hatboxnh.com. Call 938-5158.

• **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** Windham Actor's Guild production. Fri., April 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., April 10, at 2 p.m. Windham High School, 64 London Bridge Road, Windham. \$18. Visit windhamactorsguild.com.

• **CHICAGO** Saint Anselm Abbey Players production. Directed by Joel Mercier. Fri., April 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., April 10, at 2 p.m.; Fri., April 15, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 16, at 7:30 p.m. Dana Center for the Humanities,



Robert Lalime of Derry as Tom Lamont and Elizabeth Leach of Nashua as Myra Marlowe in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*. Courtesy photo.

\$15. Visit hatboxnh.com, facebook.com/hatboxtheatre.

• **Recipients of new awards:** At the Manchester Community Music School's Share the Music Gala next Thursday, March 31, at the Southern New Hampshire University Banquet Hall, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester, there will be food, dancing and music by the New Hampshire Youth Jazz Ensemble, and three individuals will be honored. Deborah and Elliott Markow will be receiving the Impact Award, and Tom Lewry will be receiving its Leadership Award. Seating is \$75 for general (starting at 6 p.m.), \$100 for VIP (starting at 5:30 p.m.). Call 644-4548.

• **Second City in Rochester:** The Second City — the Chicago-based comedy improv group and school that started the careers of Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Mike Myers, Chris Farley, Seth Meyers and Stephen Colbert — visits the Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, Friday, April 1, at 8 p.m. Comedians will present a revue offering a "modern mix of romance, rancor and everything in between," as described in the press release; visit rochesteropera-house.com/hooksupwiththesecondcity.html. Reserve tickets by calling 335-1992. Doors open at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$20-\$24. — Kelly Sennott

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# What do you know about Russia?

Marina Forbes on Fabergé eggs, Matryoshka dolls and history

By Kelly Sennott  
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Marina Forbes. Courtesy photo.

Marina Forbes is a New Hampshire artist, but she's perhaps most known here for her promotion of Russian art, history and culture in programs across the region.

Leading up to Easter, her focus the past month has been in art history, with presentations about Fabergé eggs in Nelson and Greenland this week.

"Spring is almost like the Fabergé season. And it's so exciting to talk about Fabergé," Forbes said via phone.

This is because of the mystery associated with Peter Carl Fabergé's art, she said; the Russian master jeweler and artist created yearly exquisite Easter eggs for

the Russian imperial family from 1885 through 1916.

The pieces contained hidden, jeweled surprises, but of the 50 eggs Fabergé made and delivered, only 43 are accounted for today. Her presentations contain details on the eggs' history and their role in dramatic events during the last decades of the Romanov rule.

"It's kind of like a detective story," Forbes said. "The last one was found at an American yard sale and sold for \$33 million."

Other upcoming events are hands-on Matryoshka Russian nested doll painting workshops — the next of which is in Hudson April 3 — and presentations on Russian iconography.

She said via phone she's been teaching the doll workshop "since last century," and that it's a two-part course, the first of which introduces the history of the doll. Then, Forbes turns on the Russian folk music (though it's contemporary music, cool folk music), and the students get to work with acrylic paint, brushes of all



A Fabergé egg. Courtesy photo.

sizes and hand-lathed Matryoshka dolls. The workshops are open to people of all ages and experiences; at recent workshops, students painted flowers, maps and Minions from *Despicable Me*.

Much of Forbes' education on Russian arts and culture happened at the Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg, Russia, where she went through nine months of intensive training to become a foreign tourist guide.

When she moved to the United States in 1993, she started the New England Language Center in Rochester with her husband, Bob Forbes. She keeps up to date on Russian culture during yearly trips to Russia as a tour guide.

Once, Forbes brought over a descen-

dent of General Mikhail Kutuzov, who chased Napoleon from Moscow back to France. At one restaurant they visited, patrons lined up for autographs when they discovered the woman's ancestry.

"It was so emotional. She didn't realize, people here cared about and were passionate about their history," Forbes said.

This year's trip happens late spring during "White Nights" — when days are long, nights almost nonexistent.

"Every year I do my cultural tour in Russia, I get updated. I always love to learn something," Forbes said. "And I love it when people get excited about my topics. ... I think that, just because of the Cold War, people don't know much about Russia."

Forbes' presentations have been gaining traction. Two years ago, she held one at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Bedford, which drew a crowd of 130. She said people are often surprised to see how American and Russian history intersect.

"I'm sure you know a lot about John Paul Jones, but not everybody knows he's a Russian hero," she said. "When you go to Russia now, in St. Petersburg, we have a monument for him. ... Alexander the Second liberated 20 million serfs two years before Lincoln liberated four million American slaves. They were corresponding, and in their correspondence ... Lincoln wrote, 'My dear friend Alexander.' My dear friend! That's how they addressed each other." 🌱

## Upcoming events

**Faberge Imperial Easter Eggs:** Free, interactive, illustrated presentations Saturday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, 1 Nelson Common Road, Nelson, 847-3210, townofnelson.com; and Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Weeks Public Library, 36 Post Road, Greenland, 436-8528, weekslibrary.org

**Matryoshka Russian Nested Doll Painting:** Free presentation and workshop, Sunday, April 3, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road, Hudson, 886-6030, rogerslibrary.org, RSVP required. Visit [marinaforbes.com](http://marinaforbes.com).

100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. \$14. Visit [anselmianabbeyplayers.com](http://anselmianabbeyplayers.com).

• **NICO: UNDERGROUND** Performance about the legendary chanteuse of Andy Warhol. Starring Tammy Faye Starlight from New York City. New England premiere. Proceeds benefit The Haven, the Freedom Cafe and Cocheco Valley Humane Society. Fri., April 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 9, at 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. \$25-\$35. Visit [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org).

• **2016 FEM NOIRE (THE FESTIVAL OF WOMEN PLAYWRIGHTS)** Image Theatre show. Fri., April 8, at 8 p.m.; Sat., April 9, at 8 p.m. Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell. \$25. Visit [imagetheater.com](http://imagetheater.com).

• **WOMEN AND LOVE IN SHAKESPEARE** Carey Kahoon of theatre KAPOW performs reading. Consisting of readings from *Romeo & Juliet*,

*Much Ado About Nothing*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, sonnets, etc., followed by Q&A session. Mon., April 11, at 6:30 p.m. Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. Free. Call 432-6140.

• **TITANIC: THE MUSICAL** Seacoast Repertory Theatre Production. 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. April 15-May 15. Visit [seacoastrep.org](http://seacoastrep.org).

• **SINGIN' IN THE RAIN** Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. April 15-May 7. Tickets \$25-\$45. Call 668-5588. Visit [seacoastrep.org](http://seacoastrep.org).

• **THE DINING ROOM** New England College production. Play by A.R. Gurney. Thurs., April 14, at 7:30 p.m.; Fri., April 15, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., April 17, at 3 p.m. New England College Mainstage NEC Science Building, 58 Depot Hill Road, Henniker. \$10. Call 428-2382.

• **HEROES** New England Repertory Theatre Company pro-

duction. Fri., April 29, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 30, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., May 1, at 2 p.m. Whipple Memorial Town Hall, 429 Main St., New London. \$24. Call 526-4112. Visit [NNERTC.org](http://NNERTC.org).

• **BALLET X** Modern ballet by Philadelphia-based company. Fri., April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Dana Center for the Humanities, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. \$33.75. Visit [anselm.edu](http://anselm.edu). Call 641-7700.

• **HEROES** Presented by Northern New England Repertory Theatre Company. Fri., April 29, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 30, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., May 1, at 2 p.m. Whipple Memorial Town Hall, 429 Main St., New London. \$24. NNERTC.org, 526-4112.

## Workshops/other

• **CASINO NIGHT FUND-RAISING EVENT** Seacoast Repertory Theatre. Fri., May 20, 7-11 p.m. Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. \$50. Call 433-4472.

## Art

### Events

• **NH OPEN DOORS** Weekend-long touring and shopping event among artisan shops and studios for food, fine art, products, etc. Sat., April 9, and Sun., April 10. Plan your tour at [nhpendoors.com](http://nhpendoors.com).

• **SEACOAST ARTIST ASSOCIATION GRAND OPENING** Raffle of "Great Bay in Winter" by Annick Bouvron-Gromek, refreshments, proceeds go to renovations. Sat., April 9, at 5 p.m. Seacoast Artist Association Gallery, 130 Water St., Exeter. \$20. Call 778-8856.

### Fairs

• **WINTER CRAFT MARKETS** Consisting 20 juried craftsmen. Sat., Feb. 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat., March 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat., April 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wentworth Greenhouses, 141 Rollins Road, Rollinsford. Call 343-2393.

## Openings

• **"TRANS POSE"** Art show by Catherine Graffam. On view March 22 through April 22. Reception Fri. March 25, 5-7 p.m. McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord. Visit [mcgowanfineart.com](http://mcgowanfineart.com). Call 225-2515.

• **"WATER, WAVES AND WOODS"** Art show featuring work by Jean Cronin Connolly. On view through April. Reception Thurs., March 31, 5-7 p.m. Abbott Library, 11 Soonipi Circle, Sunapee.

• **"FRESH"** Wild Salamander Group Art Show. Highlighting pieces inspired by beauty found outside. On view April 1 through May 4. Reception Fri., April 1, 6-8 p.m. Wild Salamander Creative Arts Center, 30 Ash St., Hollis. Visit [wildsalamander.com](http://wildsalamander.com).

• **"IF TREES COULD TALK: AS HEARD BY NH WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR ART"** Art show investigating where

the environment has a voice. Variety of media. On view April 2 through May 1. Opening Thurs., April 7, 5-7 p.m. Twigg's Gallery, 254 King St., Boscaawen. Visit [wcanh.org](http://wcanh.org).

• **ANNE COOK, MARY HART** Art show. On view April 5 through April 30. Reception Sat., April 9, 4-7 p.m. Uncharted Gallery, 103 Market St., Lowell.

• **KAREN GOLA** Exeter Fine Crafts April artist of the month. Glass artist of Gola Glass. On view through April 30. Reception Sat., April 16, noon-3 p.m. Exeter Fine Crafts, 61 Water St., Exeter. Call 778-8282.

## Open calls

• **CALL FOR ART: OMER T. LASSONDE JURIED EXHIBITION** Hosted by NH Art Association. Open to all artists. Submissions due by March 26 at 5 p.m. Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, 136 State St., Portsmouth. Visit [nhartassociation.org](http://nhartassociation.org) for



# LOCAL —COLOR— NH art world news

• **Golden light:** Manchester Artist Association member Howard Muscott's photos are on view at the McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, March 1 through April 30, in a show called "Chasing the Golden Light." Muscott has photographed landscapes for more than 35 years, grounded in the natural world from his early years of hiking and backpacking. His work has been published on the cover of national journals in education, newspapers and websites. "The best photography combines one's vision for the image with the best natural light and requires both persistence and opportunity. That's why I'm always chasing the golden light," he said in a press release. Call 224-9909 or visit [nhaudubon.org](http://nhaudubon.org).

• **Nature-inspired art:** The first day of spring has finally arrived, and the Wild Salamander Creative Arts Center (30 Ash St., Hollis, [wildsalamander.com](http://wildsalamander.com), 465-WILD) celebrates with a show, "Fresh," running April 1 through May 14. Artists have been asked to submit one piece of art expressing their interpretation of the bounty and beauty found in the fields, orchards, pastures or homesteads that make up New England. There's an opening reception Friday, April 1, from 6 to 8 p.m.

• **Calling artists:** Applications are now being accepted for The Curious George Cottage Artist-in-Residence Program, which is open to professional and emerging artists in visual, performing and literary arts,



"Pemaquid Lighthouse Reflection" by Howard Muscott. Courtesy photo.

all media. The residency provides direct hands-on experiences for the community with a working artist and an opportunity for the artist to share work in educational and community settings, with the aim to encourage students and community members to understand the role of the artist in contemporary society. Deadline to apply is May 1, and the residency is Aug. 1 through Aug. 15 at the Margret and H.A. Rey Center in Waterville Valley. Visit [thereycenter.org](http://thereycenter.org) for more information.

• **This weekend at the Currier:** There's a lot going on at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, [currier.org](http://currier.org), 669-6144, ext. 108). To coincide with the current exhibition, "Killer Heels: The Art of the High-Heeled Shoe," the museum shows *Kinky Boots* Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. Then, on Saturday, March 26, at 11:30 a.m., there's a tour of the heels exhibition with a docent tour guide. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$9 for students and \$5 for youth ages 13 to 17, but there's an additional \$8 charge to see the heels show.

— Kelly Sennott

guidelines and entry form.

• **CALL FOR ARTISTS** Looking for entries for Third Annual Meredith Sculpture Walk. Sculptures will be positioned in 32 highly-visible locations throughout Main St., Lake Winnepesaukee and Mine Falls Marketplace. Submissions due by March 31. Meredith, NH Meredith., Email [meredithsculpturewalk@metro-cast.net](mailto:meredithsculpturewalk@metro-cast.net). Call 677-2298.

• **CALL FOR ARTISTS: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT** Looking for artists for "Telling America's Stories: Celebrating 100 Years of the National Park Service." Open for submissions Feb. 10 through April 1. Exhibition runs May 7 through June 10. Brush Art Gallery & Studios, 256 Market St., Lowell. Call 978-275-1705, 978-459-7819. Visit [lowellartshows.com/NPS](http://lowellartshows.com/NPS).

• **OPEN CALLS: ART ON THE COMMON** Looking for artists to participate in Hampton Falls outdoor show June 4. Due

by April 1. Hampton Falls Common, Hampton Falls.

• **CALL FOR ART: "MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS AND MEMORIES: IMAGES OF THE LOWELL CEMETERY"** Looking for art to celebrate Lowell Cemetery 175th anniversary. Artists may enter up to 3 pieces between May 1 and May 20. Show goes up June 18. Lowell, MA Lowell., Call 978-454-5191. Visit [lowellcemetery.com](http://lowellcemetery.com).

## Workshops/classes/demonstrations

• **NUNO FELT A SCARF** Taught by Melinda LaBarge. Sat., March 26, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Retail Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. Tuition \$55, materials \$35. Call 595-8233. Visit [nhcrafts.org](http://nhcrafts.org).

• **HAND-PAINTED MIRROR** Sat., April 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Retail Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua.

\$20 tuition, \$30 materials.

• **INTRODUCTION TO PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS** Sat., April 9, 2-5 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Retail Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. \$30 tuition, \$10 materials.

• **PHOTOGRAPHING NATURE** Paul Hopkins shares knowledge of outdoor photography and camera skills. Thurs., April 14, at 6 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord.

• **TRADITIONAL RUG HOOKING** Workshop taught by Lisa Chaloner. Sat., Feb. 20, noon-3:30 p.m.; Sat., April 16, noon-3:30 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. \$35 tuition, \$40 materials. Email [nashuarg@nhcrafts.org](mailto:nashuarg@nhcrafts.org).

• **ARTIST'S LEGAL SERIES** All events are presented by Kimberly Peaslee, Intellectual Property lawyer at Upton & Hatfield. "Licensing/Commercialization" is Tues., April 19, 5:30-7 p.m.;

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Symphony New Hampshire's last big concert of the season — The Essential Ring, Part 1 — occurs next weekend, on Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m., at the Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St., Nashua, but if you want a pre-view leading up to the event, attend a library presentation hosted by longtime bassist Robert Hoffman on Thursday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m., at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. The concert features Symphony New Hampshire, the Lexington Symphony and world-class

soloists, including Metropolitan Opera headliner Thomas Studebaker. It's produced in cooperation with the Boston Wagner Society. Music includes favorites from the first two operas in Richard Wagner's epic Ring cycle: "Das Rheingold" and "Die Walküre." Jonathan McPhee conducts. Tickets are \$15 to \$62. Call 595-9156 or visit symphonynh.org. Courtesy photo.

"Trusts & Estates" is Tues., May 17, 5:30-7 p.m. McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord. Free, registration requested. Call 225-2515. Email gallery@mcgowanfineart.com, visit mcgowanfineart.com.

• **ALCOHOL INK TILES** Workshop. Open to adults and teens 12 and older with any level of experience. Taught by Alene Sirott-Cope. Sat., April 23, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. \$30, plus \$10 for materials. Email nashuarg@nhcrafts.org.

• **UPCYCLED WOOL MINIPURSE** Workshop taught by Clare Collins. Sat., April 30, 1:30 a.m.-5 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. \$35 tuition, \$15 materials. Email nashuarg@nhcrafts.org.

• **COMMUNITY EDUCATION** For adults, teens, and children at NH Institute of Art. Disciplines include ceramics, creative writing, drawing, metalsmithing, photography, printmaking, fibers, and more. NH Institute of Art, 148 Concord St., Manchester. Prices vary depending on type of class and materials needed. Call 623-0313. Visit nhia.edu.

### In the Galleries

• **"WILD WITH COLOR"** Seacoast Artist Association show. On view through March 26. Seacoast Artist Association, 225 Water St., Exeter. Call 778-8856.

• **"SMALL WORKS SHOW"** Featuring paintings by Beaman Cole, Patricia Gordon, and Chris Volpe, photography by Deb Obertanec and Charter Weeks, watercolors by Bill Paarlberg, acrylic paintings by Olivia Nelson and mixed media works by David Zerba. On view through March. Kennedy Gallery and Custom Framing, 41 Market St., Portsmouth. Call 436-7007.

• **PAT E. NICKERSON** Featured artist, Seacoast Artists

Association. On view through March. Seacoast Artists Association Gallery, 225 Water St., Exeter.

• **"THE FEBRUARY PROJECT: IMAGES WITH BRUSH, WORDS & LENS"** By John Sirois, Sandy Sirois, Carolyn Gregsak. On view Feb. 20 through March 31. Hancock Town Library, 25 Main St., Hancock. Call 525-4411.

• **"LOVE OF MY LIFE"** Nashua Area Artists Association exhibition. On view February and March. ArtHUB, 33 Temple St., Nashua. Visit naaa-arthub.org.

• **MICHELE JOHNSEN** Exeter Fine Crafts March artist of the month. Featuring acrylic landscapes inspired by northern NH and West Coast/Europe trips. On view through March. Exeter Fine Crafts, 61 Water St., Exeter. Call 778-8282.

• **"TREES"** Camera Commons photography show. On view Feb. 8 through April 2. Camera Commons Gallery, 652 Central Ave., Dover. Visit cameracommons.com.

• **"LETINSKY + MARCUSE: A STILL DIALOGUE"** SNHU exhibition. Curated by Vanessa Rocco. On view Feb. 25 through April 2. McNinch Art Gallery, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester. Visit snhu.edu, call 629-4622, email m.gallery@snhu.edu.

• **CAMERA COMMONS** Platinum and alternative prints by Tillman Crane, Jay Goldsmith, Norman Defosses, David Speltz. On view Jan. 17 through April 2. Side Gallery, 652 Central Ave., Dover. Call 799-1941. Email vanloon42@gmail.com.

• **"GROUNDWELL"** Featuring work by Sophia Ainslie, Nathan Miner, Christi Rinklin, whose paintings originate from specific locations and sets of conditions used as departure points to explore perception, memory, history, motion. On view through April 3. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic

Way, Durham. Visit unh.edu/moa. Call 862-3712.

• **"NATURAL WONDER"** Art show featuring work by Christina Pitsch, Shelley Reed, Rick Shaefer, and Randal Thurston. On view through April 3. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. Visit unh.edu/moa.

• **"THE HEART OF NATURE"** Art exhibition. Featuring work by Manchester Artist Association. On view Feb. 28 through April 24. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Center, Auburn. Call 668-2045.

• **"PEACE OF THE SEA"** Art exhibition featuring art by Pamela Wamala. On view March 16 through April 29. Whistler House Museum, 243 Worthen St., Lowell. Call 978-452-7641.

• **"FROM LAND TO SEA: CONTEMPORARY WORKS BY WILLIAM DAVIS"** On view Feb. 14 through April 30. New Hampshire Antique Co-op, 323 Elm St./Route 101A, Milford. Call 673-8499.

• **LYNN FORSYTH** Photography exhibit. On view now through April. Stephenson Memorial Library, 761 Forest Road, Greenfield. Call 547-2790.

• **"THE LANDSCAPE"** Art show featuring plein air artist Debbie Campbell. On view March 1 through April 30. Concord Visitor Center, 49 S. Main St., Newbury. Call 224-2508.

• **PEGGIE BOUVIER** Art exhibition. On view March 2 through April 30. Lowell Mandarin Asian Bistro, 24 Market St., Lowell. Call 941-350-6347.

• **"THE BOSTON SCHOOL: 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY PAINTINGS"** On view Feb. 14 through April 30. New Hampshire Antique Co-op, 323 Elm St./Route 101A, Milford. Call 673-8499.

• **"WATER AND LIGHT"** Watercolors by Kimberly Meuse, black and photo photos by Michael Sterling. On view



through April. Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, 136 State St., Portsmouth. Call 799-1941.

• **"NEW WORKS"** Featuring work by NH artists. On view March 18 through May 1. Main-Street BookEnds, 16 E. Main St., Warner. Visit [mainstreet-bookends.com](http://mainstreet-bookends.com).

• **NANCY SIMONDS, RICK GERBER** Art show. On view Feb. 29 through May 3. LaBelle Winery, 345 New Hampshire 101, Amherst. Call 225-2515. Visit [mcgowanfineart.com](http://mcgowanfineart.com).

• **"BIG PICTURE"** Mural exhibit by five artists. On view March 16-May 15. 3S ArtSpace, 1319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth. Visit [3Sarts.org](http://3Sarts.org). Call 766-3330.

• **"KILLER HEELS: THE ART OF THE HIGH-HEELED SHOE"** Art exhibition. On view Feb. 6 through May 15. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Call 669-67144, ext. 108. Visit [currier.org/killerheels](http://currier.org/killerheels).

• **MOSAIC: EXPLORING OUR MULTICULTURAL NEIGHBORHOOD** Featuring photos by Becky Field and David Hiley. On view March 5-May 31. Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover. Visit [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org). Call 742-2002. Visit [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org).

• **"FEMME FATALES OF THE NORTH"** Duo art show

with Rebecca Klementovich and Kristen Pobatschnig. On view April 2 through June 3. Rochester Museum of Fine Art, 65 S. Main St., Rochester. Visit [rochestertermfa.org](http://rochestertermfa.org).

## Classical Music Events

• **MUSICA BRASILEIRA** Showcase of Brazilian music by Bill Ward, Anna Borges. Concert. Thurs., March 24, at 7:30 p.m. UMass Lowell Durgin Concert Hall, 35 Wilder St., Lowell. Free. Visit [uml.edu](http://uml.edu).

• **RYAN VIGIL** Featuring composer and pianist, part of UNH Department of Music Faculty Concert series. Thurs., March 24, at 8 p.m. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. Free. Visit [unh.edu/music](http://unh.edu/music). Call 862-2404.

• **"A GERMAN REQUIEM"** Community sing hosted by Bedford Presbyterian Church. Fri., March 25, at 7 p.m. Bedford Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford. Call 472-5841.

• **MUYASSAR KURDI** Experimental sound and performance. Local artists David Kontak and Marc Bisson. Tues., March 29, at 7 p.m. Kimball Jenkins Estate, 266 N. Main St., Concord. \$5 donation.

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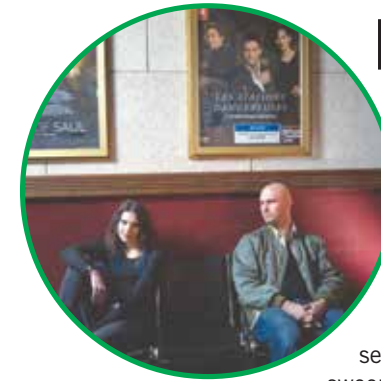
**PASSION** Presentation by Ellen Exner from New England Conservatory. Thurs., March 31, at 5 p.m. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. Free. Visit [unh.edu/music](http://unh.edu/music). Call 862-2404.

• **SYMPHONY NH CONCERT TALK: THE ESSENTIAL RING, PART 1** Featuring Robert Hoffman. Thurs., March 31, at 5:30 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free. Visit [nashualibrary.org/visit/directions](http://nashualibrary.org/visit/directions). Call 589-4610.

• **"MAGNIFICAT"** Presented by instrumentalists from Boston area. Sat., April 2, at 7:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 22 Fox Run Road, Newington. Second show Sun., April 3, at 3 p.m. Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., Dover. Third show Wed., April 6, at 7:30 p.m. Christ Church Episcopal, 43 Pine St., Exeter. \$17.

• **THE ESSENTIAL RING: PART 1** Symphony NH concert, joined by Lexington Symphony. Sun., April 3, at 3 p.m. Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St., Nashua. \$20-\$62. Visit [symphonynh.org](http://symphonynh.org). Call 595-9156.

• **LAKES SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Featuring performance by Moultonborough Central School Select Chorus, high school violinist Jonathan Lee. Sun., April 3, at 3 p.m. Inter-Lakes High



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limeter projectors. The comedy was a critical hit when it premiered Off-Broadway, receiving many awards in 2013 and 2014. Performances happen March 25 through April 10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 27 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 3, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Visit [playersring.org](http://playersring.org) or call 436-8123. Pictured, Emily Karel who plays Rose and Ben Tylka who plays Sam. Jasmin Hunter Photography.

School, 1 Laker Lane, Meredith. \$5. Visit [lrso.org](http://lrso.org).

• **FUGUE MILL MUSIC FESTIVAL** All-day music and art festival with jazz, classical, folk music, beat poetry and songwriting. Sun., April 3, 1-10 p.m. Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. \$35 for all-day admission. Visit [seacoastrep.org/tickets](http://seacoastrep.org/tickets). Call 785-2782.

• **MICHAEL WEISS QUARTET** Concert. Mon., April 4, at 8 p.m. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. \$8.

Visit [unharts.com](http://unharts.com). Call 862-2404.

• **NEW HAMPSHIRE YOUTH BAND CONCERT** Conducted by Mark DeTurk and Eric Kobb. Wed., April 6, at 7 p.m. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. Free. Visit [unh.edu/music](http://unh.edu/music). Call 862-2404.

• **MNOZIL BRASS** Concert. Wed., April 9, at 7 p.m. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. \$30. Visit [unharts.com](http://unharts.com). Call 862-7222.

• **PORTSMOUTH PRO MUSICA** Spring concert. Sat.,

April 9, at 3 p.m. Christ Church, 28 Pine St., Exeter. \$12. Second concert Sun., April 10, at 3 p.m. South Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth. \$12. Visit [portsmouthpromusica.org](http://portsmouthpromusica.org).

• **CONCORD CHORALE CONCERT** Performance of "Requiem Mass" in D Minor. Fri., April 15, at 8 p.m. Christ Church, 43 Pine St., Exeter. \$25. Visit [concordchorale.org](http://concordchorale.org). Call 463-5504. Second concert Sun., April 17, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's Church, 21 Centre St., Concord.



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Looking for more events for the kids, nature-lovers and more? Check out **Hippo Scout**, available via the Apple App Store, Google Play or online at [hipposcout.com](http://hipposcout.com).

# INSIDE/OUTSIDE

## Scoring smiles

Harlem Globetrotters bring basketball fun to Manchester

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Watching an acrobatic comedy troupe of pro basketball players may sound crazy to some, but Harlem Globetrotters player Julian "Zeus" McClurkin says it's fun for everyone.

"We're focused on putting smiles on people's faces," the second-year Globetrotter said. "That's what sets us apart from other professional teams. It's not just a game or about winning and losing. It's about entertainment. Even if you don't follow basketball at all, you'll have a great time."

On Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m., the legendary exhibition basketball team is bringing its family-oriented show to the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester.

At the show, the superhero-esque Globetrotters compete (and customarily win) against their not-so-dazzling traveling opponent, the World All-Stars.

They use the backdrop of the game to show off incredible feats of agility and skill. Spectators may see high-flying slam dunks, half-court trick shots, ball-spinning, -rolling and -balancing tricks, nifty passing and dribbling routines and more.

In addition to their physical stunts, the Globetrotters engage in family-friendly comedy skits like embarrassing the referee, chasing each other with buckets of water, pantsing a player in the middle of

### Harlem Globetrotters

**When:** Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Verizon Wireless Arena, 555 Elm St., Manchester

**Cost:** Tickets start at \$21.50

**Visit:** [harlemglobetrotters.com](http://harlemglobetrotters.com)



Zeus McClurkin makes a slam dunk at a Harlem Globetrotters game. Courtesy photo.

a free throw and other slapstick shenanigans.

Usually the team calls on a few kids to join them on the court for a short skit or activity. After the show, there's an opportunity to meet the players and get autographs and photos with them. For families that want a more personal experience, there's the Magic Pass, a VIP pre-game event where kids can hang out with the Globetrotters on the court and shoot hoops, learn tricks and get autographs and photos.

Even though they're an exhibition team, Globetrotters players are drafted much the same way players for competitive teams are. What's different about the Globetrotters, however, is that they look beyond athletic skill when choosing new players.

"You do have to be a great player, but you also have to be a good person and enjoy entertaining,"

McClurkin said. "I didn't always have the best basketball record. I got criticized for being too nice and smiling and enjoying myself too much. But playing for the Globetrotters, I get paid to be that nice person and smile on court."

Most Globetrotters players are record-holders of some kind. McClurkin currently holds the Guinness World Record for the most basketball slam dunks in one minute. Some of the star players scheduled to play at the Verizon show are Ant Atkinson, who, along with fellow player Cheese Chisholm, broke the Guinness World Record for the most three-pointers made by a pair in one minute; Thunder Law, who set the Guinness World Records for longest basketball shot, longest basketball shot blindfolded, and farthest basketball shot made backward; and Sweet J Ekworomadu, one of the Globetrotters'



Sweet J Ekworomadu spins the ball with a young audience member while sporting the 1940s throwback uniform. Courtesy photo.

three female players, who set the school record for the most three-pointers during her senior year at Texas State University.

The Verizon show is one of 330 to be played in 260 cities during the Globetrotters' 2016 World Tour. This year, the team also celebrates its 90th anniversary. To commemorate the milestone and pay tribute to the Globetrotters who came before them, all players will wear white throwback uniforms from the early 1940s during the first half of each game.

"There's a lot of nostalgia we carry," McClurkin said. "Everywhere we go, there's people who recognize who we are and have a memory of the Globetrotters, and it brings them back to a happy time in their life. They know that if I'm playing for the Globetrotters, I must be a cool guy, and that's the best." 🍌

## Children & Teens

### Children events

• **ROCK & ROAR** Music class for ages 2 to 5 centered around Disney Junior's hit TV series *The Lion Guard*. Tues., March 29, 1:30 p.m. Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. Free. Space is limited. No reg-

istration, so arrive early. Visit [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org).

• **LINDSAY & HER PUPPET PALS** Program with giant hand puppets and marionettes. Ideal for ages 3 to 8. Sun., April 10, 1 to 2 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.

• **FAIRY TEA PARTY** The party includes a story time, a take-home art project and tea, hot cocoa, juice and light refreshments. You can arrive in a fairy costume, your favorite party dress or whatever makes you feel elegant. This party is for kids ages 2 through

12 accompanied by an adult. Sunday, April 17, and May 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. Kimball Jenkins Estate, 266 N. Main St., Concord. Preregistration is required. Call 225-3932 or visit [kimballjenkins.com/fairy](http://kimballjenkins.com/fairy).

• **PIPE CLEANER MANIA** Get creative with pipe cleaners.

Mon., April 25, 2 to 3 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.

• **HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?** Celebrate spring with some gardening activities. Tues., April 26, 2 to 3 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.



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## — POOL —

Family fun for the weekend

### Science & Seuss

Join the SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St., Manchester) on Saturday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to noon for a **family science workshop**. You can choose from three different projects: mix two liquids to create a solid, blow up a balloon without touching it or pop a plastic bag using fizz. This workshop is appropriate for kids ages 6 through 10 and will take 10 to 30 minutes to complete. It is free with the cost of admission to the center, which is \$8 per person. Visit [see-sciencecenter.org](http://see-sciencecenter.org) or call 669-0400.

Celebrate **Dr. Seuss' birthday** with a party at the Hooksett Public Library (31 Mount St Mary's Way) on Saturday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arrive dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character if you'd like, and enjoy Seuss-themed activities and crafts. This event is open to all ages, and no registration is required. Call 485-6092 or visit [hooksettlibrary.org](http://hooksettlibrary.org).

### Baby animals Funday

Kids ages 4 and 5 are invited to a Fishways Fundays event about **Animal Babies along the Merrimack** at Amoskeag Fishways (4 Fletcher St., Manchester) on Saturday, March 26, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Discover what animals raise their young along the banks of the Merrimack River every spring. There will be outdoor exploration activities and indoor crafts. The cost is \$8 per family, and advance registration is required. Call 626-3474 or visit [amoskeagfishways.org](http://amoskeagfishways.org).

### Making macaroons

The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry) will have a **parent/child dinner date** with an Easter treat theme on Friday, March 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Create your own personal pizza for din-

#### • TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Kids will parade through the library, then outside to the side lawn for a picnic. Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals perform a unique puppet show. Don't forget to bring your teddy bear. Tues., April 26, 11:30 a.m. Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester. No registration required. Call 624-6550.

#### • LITTLE ARTIST STORY-

TIME Listen to creative stories and make a cool project to take home. For ages 3 to 7. Thurs., April 28, 10 a.m. Man-

chester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester. Registration is required. Call 624-6550.

• **LEGO AFTERNOON** An open build time to meet, build and make new Lego friends using the 10,000 Lego pieces donated by Lego Systems. For ages 3 to 12 years old. Thurs., April 28, 1 to 5 p.m. Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester. Registration is required. Call 624-6550.

• **PUZZLE DAY** Drop in and test your puzzle skills. Thurs., April 28, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45

Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.

#### • FILL IN THE FRAME

Bring out your inner artist during this drop-in activity. Fri., April 29, 1 to 4 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.

#### Contests & scholarships

• **ALEX HIGGINS SPACE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP** New Hampshire residents ages 9 to 18 are eligible to apply for a scholarship to attend simulated astronaut or pilot training at the U.S. Space & Rocketry



ner, then make Macaroon Easter Nests to take home. The macaroons are coconut and chocolate flavored, and you can fill them with a variety of candies. You'll leave with a dozen macaroons. The dinner date costs \$45 per parent/child team and is open to kids age 6 and up. Visit [culinary-playground.com](http://culinary-playground.com) or call 339-1664.

### Pop-ups & bookmarks

Stop by the Currier Art Center (180 Pearl St., Manchester) on Saturday, March 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., for an Imagine & Explore workshop on **Making Books & Pop-ups**. Learn how to make star, accordion-fold, landscape, theater or tunnel books. You'll create your own drawing journal and an accordion-fold pop-up book. This workshop is for kids age 5 and up with an adult. The cost is \$25 and pre-registration is required. Visit [currier.org](http://currier.org) or call 669-6144, ext. 122.

Enjoy a Family Crafternoon at Kelley Library (234 Main St., Salem) on Saturday, March 26, from noon to 2 p.m. The theme is **Bookmark Mania**. Kids ages 5 and up and their families are invited to drop in and use a variety of supplies to make bookmarks. Call 898-7064 or visit [saalem.lib.nh.us](http://saalem.lib.nh.us).

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# Pruning blueberries

They do need help from time to time

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March is a good time to prune not just fruit trees, but also your blueberries. Blueberries here in New England are relatively slow growing, so they don't need to be pruned every year. But they do need help from time to time.

Ready to prune? Your first question should be, "Has the soil thawed and dried out enough to walk around the bushes without damaging the soil?" This is important. You can damage soil structure and roots by walking on soil that has thawed but has a layer of frozen soil beneath it. Also if the soil is squishy, making sounds or leaving footprints, you should stay away. Yes, I know you want something to do outside on a warm spring day. But stay away from the blueberries, off the lawn and out of the garden until soil has dried out.

Before making your first cut you need to know the difference between leaf buds and fruit buds. A branch that has few or no fruit buds is a good candidate for your pruners. Snip it off, and it will open up the bush, allowing sunshine to get to the productive branches.

Fruit buds are fat and leaf buds are not; they are slim and pointy. Simple as that. The rounded fruit buds generally produce a cluster of berries, not just a single berry, and you will certainly lose some berries when you take off a branch. But let the number of fruit buds on a branch guide you as you make your cuts.

Whether pruning blueberries or apples or pears, you should never cut branches in a way that leaves stubs. Branches heal at their point of origin, either at the trunk or a bigger branch. On larger branches



Blueberry fruit buds. Courtesy photo.

you may notice a larger, almost swollen area called the branch collar; they should remain when pruning any type of branch. If you cut off a branch an inch from the branch collar, the stub will need to rot back to the branch collar before it heals. In the meantime pests or diseases may be attracted to the dying wood.

Pruning is the ultimate game of choices for the gardener. Remove this branch or that? Here are some guidelines for making your choices.

Removing a few larger branches is generally better than making many small cuts.

First, remove any dead branches. They don't count in your calculation of how many branches can be removed; they are not contributing anything to the plant's

well-being. It is generally accepted that you can remove a quarter to a third of tree or shrub's leaves in one year. You can identify a live branch even in winter by rubbing it gently with your thumbnail. If you expose a green layer, it's alive.

When deciding between two branches, remove the older, less vigorous branch and leave younger stems, which on blueberries often have a green or reddish color.

Prune away branches that are damaged or rubbing against another branch.

In general, branches should be growing out, away from the center of the bush. Branches that aim into the middle will eventually cause problems.

Blueberries sometimes develop a viral infection that causes "witches brooms."

These are masses of fine twigs growing on one branch. Remove the entire thing and put it in the trash, or burn it.

Blueberries really are easy to grow. They need full sun, which means a minimum of six hours per day. But most importantly, they need very acidic soil. Now would be a good time to collect a soil sample and send it off for testing at your state cooperative extension laboratory. You can download the form online; just Google "soil testing" and "New Hampshire."

If your soil is not acidic enough, you can add elemental sulfur. This is fine for organic gardeners, too, as it is mined from the earth, not manufactured in a chemical plant.

Changing the soil pH may take you a number of years. It is better to add some elemental sulfur this year and again next year and in later years rather than dumping too much on at once. Your ultimate goal is a pH in the range of 4.0 to 5.0. The scale is logarithmic, meaning that 4.0 is 10 times more acidic than 5.0, and 100 times more acidic than 6.0. Seven on the scale is neutral.

My last bit of advice, and one I don't follow well myself, is to keep the root zone of the blueberries weed-free. Mulching with a thick layer of chipped branches is the best way to do so, and I'm going to do so this year.

So do some pruning this year; your blueberries will develop into more vigorous plants in just a year or two. And the rules for pruning blueberries can be applied to your apples, crabapples, plums and pears. So get busy!

*Henry is now blogging regularly at [dailyluv.com/henryhomeyer](http://dailyluv.com/henryhomeyer). You can sign up for email alerts when he posts there.* 🍷

Camp in Huntsville Alabama. Tuition, Room and Board are included in the scholarship; travel costs are not. Three winners will be chosen.

Applications are due April 1. Visit [starhop.com/education-and-exploration/programs/annual-events/space-camp-scholarships.aspx](http://starhop.com/education-and-exploration/programs/annual-events/space-camp-scholarships.aspx).

## Science

**WICKED COOL FOR KIDS - LEGO ROBOTICS** LEGO Robotics introduces kids to robotics programming. Kids create robots with motors and sensors and program them on our own computers. There are lots of challenges to engage

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**LEGO ROBOTICS STEM PROGRAM** Mon., April 25, through Fri., April 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. RoboTech Center, 31 Taggart Drive, Nashua. See website for cost details. Visit [robotechcenter.com](http://robotechcenter.com).

## Sports

**YOUTH FOOTBALL AND SPIRIT REGISTRATION** Registration days for

the Manchester East Cobras Youth Football and Spirit Association, a nonprofit that provides children of Manchester safe and positive competitive season. Through the New Hampshire Youth Football and Spirit Conference, qualifying participants are also awarded academic achievement certificates and potentially scholarships. Every third Thurs., 6 to 8 p.m., March through July. Spare Time bowling alley, 216 Maple St., Manchester. Visit [etamz.active.com/manchestereastcobras](http://etamz.active.com/manchestereastcobras) or contact Joanne at 661-2183.

## Teen & teen programs & classes

**SUPER SITTERS** A course designed for 11- to 13-year-olds to learn the importance of safety and responsibility when caring for children. Topics in this class include basic first aid, safe play, child development, diapering, safe marketing and much more. Wed., April 13, or May 11, 3:30 to 6 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. \$25. Visit [stjosephhospital.com/classes](http://stjosephhospital.com/classes).

## Clubs

### Events

**HOOKSETT GARDEN CLUB MARCH MEETING**

A round table-discussion, "Getting ready for Planting". The public is welcome and new members can join at any time during the year. Wed., March 30, 4 to 7 p.m. Hooksett Public Library, 31 Mount St Mary's Way, Hooksett. Call 669-5153. email [hooksettnhgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:hooksettnhgardenclub@gmail.com), or visit [hooksettnhgardenclub.org](http://hooksettnhgardenclub.org).

**QPEX ANNUAL STAMP SHOW** Features multiple dealers, exhibits, U.S. Postal Service, chance board, door prizes and refreshments for purchase. Sun., April 3, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. American Legion Hall, 5 Riverside St., Hooksett. Free. Call 486-5750.

**BIG TREES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** Nashua Garden Club event. Presentation by author and woodworker boat builder Kevin Martin brings you through the woods and into some cities all over New Hampshire to find these impressive living parts of our landscape. Wed., April 6, 7 to 9 p.m. First Baptist Church, 121 Manchester St., Nashua. Members of the public are welcome to attend for a \$5 fee. New members are welcome to join the club at any time of the year, annual dues are \$20. More information about the club can be found at [nashuagardenclub.com](http://nashuagardenclub.com).





## A FELINE FILM FEST

Cat videos are hitting the big time at the Walker Art Center's Internet Cat Video Festival held at The Music Hall Historic Theater (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth) on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m. This curated collection is the first offline celebration of internet cat videos and will feature everything from six-second Vine clips to short films. Tickets cost \$11 for adults, \$8 for seniors 60+, students and military. Call 436-2400 or visit [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org).

• **NHTOA ANNUAL MEETING** New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association holds their 105th annual meeting with tours, a business meeting, awards, a live auction and raffle. Sat., May 14, 8 a.m. Huddleston Hall, University of New Hampshire, 105 Main St., Durham. \$38, free for kids 12 and under. Call 224-9699.

### Continuing Education Professional development

• **LEADERSHIP: THE COMMITMENT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN** In this workshop, NH State Police Lt. John Marasco will teach on the importance of effective communication, collaboration and meaningful interpersonal relationships in leadership development. Conflict prevention; rapport building; and strategies to improve employee morale, motivation and efficiency also will be highlighted. Fri., March 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nacey S. Loeb School of Communications, 749 E. Industrial Park Drive, Manchester. \$50. Visit [loeb.school.org](http://loeb.school.org) or call 627-0005.

• **INQUIRY TEACHING METHODS: GROUNDING STEM EDUCATION IN SCIENCE PRACTICES** Workshop offered in partnership with the UNH Cooperative Extension, geared towards K-12 teachers interested in exploring ways to support classroom teaching in moving toward an inquiry based

approach, in which students take more responsibility for their learning. Participants will practice shifting their existing curriculum to align with practices that are within the Next Generation Science Standards. Registration deadline is March 28. Thurs., March 31, April 7, May 12, 19, June 9, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., and Sat., May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover. \$250 per person. Register at [bit.ly/InquiryTeachingDover](http://bit.ly/InquiryTeachingDover).

• **WORKREADYNH** Short-term skill-building classes where participants earn certifications and improve skills that give job-seekers the edge in finding employment. Upcoming sessions offered March 28

to April 15 at NHTI, and April 11 to 29 at Lakes Region Community College. Lakes Region Community College, 379 Belmont Road, Laconia. NHTI, 31 College Drive, Concord. Free. Contact Lisa at 271-6484, ext. 4426 or [lnicol@ccsnh.edu](mailto:lnicol@ccsnh.edu) to register.

• **FREELANCE WRITING WORKSHOP** Instructor Beth LaMontagne Hall will explore how to target publications that use freelance work regularly, how to approach editors successfully, how to structure writing pieces to meet the publication's needs and how to advance to bigger and better publications. Balancing multiple assignments, determining how much to charge and ensuring you are paid will also be discussed. Sat., April 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nacey S. Loeb School of Communications, 749 E. Industrial Park Drive, Manchester. \$50. Visit [loeb.school.org](http://loeb.school.org) or call 627-0005.

### Crafts

#### Fairs

• **SPRING CRAFT FAIR** 60 craftsmen from throughout New England will display a wide variety of handmade crafts and gourmet food, including gold/silver and beaded jewelry, unique lawn art and figurines, fine art and photog-

raphy, gourd gnomes, ceramics, fossils and crystals, shaker boxes, fabric arts, doll clothes and gourmet foods. Sat., April 2, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Windham High School, 64 London Bridge Road, Windham. Visit [womansserviceclubofwindham.org](http://womansserviceclubofwindham.org).

• **WINTER CRAFT MARKETS** Consisting of 20 juried craftsmen. Sat., April 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wentworth Greenhouses, 141 Rollins Road, Rollinsford. Call 343-2393.

• **MOTHER'S DAY WEEK-END CRAFT FESTIVAL** Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Town Commons, 4 Lincoln Ave., Hampton Falls. Free admission. Visit [castleberryfairs.com](http://castleberryfairs.com).

• **MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END CRAFT FESTIVAL** Saturday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 312 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith. Free admission. Visit [castleberryfairs.com](http://castleberryfairs.com).

#### One-time fiber arts workshops

• **NUNO FELT A SCARF** Taught by Melinda LaBarge. Sat., March 26, 10:30 a.m. to

4 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Retail Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. Tuition \$55, materials \$35. Call 595-8233. Visit [nhcrafts.org](http://nhcrafts.org).

• **UPCYCLED WOOL MINIPURSE** Workshop taught by Clare Collins. Sat., April 30, 1:30 a.m.-5 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. \$35 tuition, \$15 materials. Email [nashua-rg@nhcrafts.org](mailto:nashua-rg@nhcrafts.org).

#### One-time quilting workshops

• **ENGLISH HEXAGON PATCHWORK** Make a traditional English patchwork rosette and choose from a variety of projects to which it can be applied. Explore the artistry of fabric choices and creative cutting using window templates. Open to adults and teens 12+. Sat., May 21, 1:30 to 5 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. \$35 tuition, \$10 materials. Email [nashuarg@nhcrafts.org](mailto:nashuarg@nhcrafts.org).

#### Other craft events

• **TRADITIONAL RUG HOOKING** Workshop taught by Lisa Chaloner. Sat., April 16, noon to 3:30 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. \$35 tuition, \$40 materials. Email

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Dear Donna,

Can you help us find out how this puzzle works and whether anyone actually won the prize listed inside the cover? We have had this since I was a child, and I don't want to disclose my age but it's been around for at least 50 years that I know of.

It has all the pieces and is in the original box, as you can see. Inside the box it says that if you figure out multiple solutions to the puzzle you could win \$500 in gold. I have tried for years without any success. So I'm curious to know any further information about this puzzle and possibly a value today. I am dropping it off at your shop for you to see.

Bill from Derry

Dear Bill,

I have tried to get this puzzle and haven't either yet. I can come close but not complete. I had my neighbors over and we all tried but no success. So I want to say no to anyone ever winning the gold. I also found no record of it while doing puzzle histories and searches.

What I did find out was this is an actual puzzle and it was produced by The Vasen Manufacturing Co. in Davenport, Iowa. Yes they did advertise that if you could come up with multiple solutions you could win prizes. The company says it has 78 solutions. The puzzle came out in 1927. They ran the prize offer only till July 15, 1928. So I'm thinking there were not many winners if any in that amount of time back then.

I think the best piece to this puzzle is



that it's still around frustrating people to try to make it. It got you and me for sure. I would like to keep it for a while and invite anyone to stop by and try to make it just so I could see it done. Anyone up for it?

Puzzles such as this one have been around for a long time and are even being made today. Values on them are considered by rarity, condition, and I would think how hard it is to figure them out. That would make them priceless to me. Yours is in the \$45 range, being all complete and in the original box. I would pay that just to see it completely done! Note: Bill has agreed to leave it for a while if anyone wants to give it a try...

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewood-santiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser and instructor. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).

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• **RUG HOOKING OPEN STUDIO** Bring a project you're working on that you would like help with, or just come to work in the company of other rug hookers. Sunday, April 17, 1 to 4:30 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. \$15 studio fee. Email nashuarg@nhcrafts.org.

### Dance

#### Other dance classes

• **FREE DANCE LESSONS** Led by Marlana, lead Latin and Ballroom Dance Instructor of Living Room Dance Lessons. March, every Fri., 6:15 to 7 p.m. Manchester Community Music School, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. Free. Visit mcmusicschool.org.

#### Other dance events

• **SACRED CIRCLE DANCE** No experience or partner needed. Fri., March 25, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Portsmouth Center for Yoga/Arts, 95 Albany St., #14, Portsmouth. \$5. Visit portsmouthyoga.com/vlt6082.htm.

### Festivals & Fairs

#### Events

• **NH INDOOR SCOTTISH FESTIVAL** Features Highland Dance, Piping and Drumming competitions as well as a large Pipe Band competition; performance by grade 1 Stuart Highlanders; fiddle competition and workshop with a jam session in the afternoon that everyone is welcome to sit in on; and vendors of Scottish items for sale. Sat., April 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Merrimack High School, 38 McElwain St., Merrimack. \$10.

• **SPRINGFEST** Features a Kids Carnival with bounce houses, slides, jousting, laser tag, face painting and more; food prepared by local restaurants and bakeries; and a business and vendor exposition with over 70 booths offering product demonstrations, free samples and discount coupons. Sat., April 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown. Admission is \$3 for adults, free for children 12 and under. Visit goffstownlions.org.

• **ASTROLOGY & PSYCHIC FAIR** Sun., April 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roundabout Diner Conference Room, 580 Portsmouth Traffic Circle, Portsmouth. Visit seacoastastrologicalassociation.blogspot.com.

• **EARTH DAY FESTIVAL** Celebrate Earth Day with demonstrations, live animals, prize





## NUNO FELTING CLASS

The League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Fine Craft Gallery (98 Main St.) will have a "Nuno Felt a Scarf" class on Saturday, March 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will create a scarf using nuno felt, an integration of silk fabric and wool roving, plus a few embellishments. This class is open to adults and teens 12+, and no experience is necessary. The cost is \$55 for tuition and \$35 for materials.

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Pictured: A completed nuno felt scarf. Courtesy photo.

es, games, crafts, live music, a campfire, a mural painting and booths from a variety of earth-friendly businesses and organizations. Sat., April 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. \$7M/\$10NM per person, \$20M/\$30NM per family. Call 668-2045.

• **FISH FESTIVAL** Create fish hats, noise makers and banners, then parade with live music, local dignitaries, and Fishways partners. Retiring President of NH Audubon, Mike Bartlett, will be the grand marshal and deliver the first fish to stock the ladder. Fish games, surprises and activities will continue throughout the day. Thurs., April 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Amoskeag Fishways, 4 Fletcher St., Manchester. \$3 per person, \$6 per family. No registration required. Call 626-3474.

to diabetes. This condition may be reversed with diet and exercise. Offered Tues., April 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital Adult and Pediatric Medicine, 173 Daniel Webster Hwy., Nashua. \$20. Visit [stjosephhospital.com/classes](http://stjosephhospital.com/classes).

### Events

• **WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE: LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT** A day of lectures and workshops for women. Sat., April 2, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. YogaLife Institute, 6 Chestnut St., Exeter. Registration required. See website. Visit [diginrealfood.com](http://diginrealfood.com).

• **NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISION DAY** Watch Nine to Ninety, by Alicia Dwyer and Juli Vizza. This 30 minute documentary will be followed by a discussion led by Jennifer Brechtel, CHES, of the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association. Mon., April 11, 4 to 6 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.

### First aid

• **BASIC FIRST AID FOR LOGGERS** Basic First Aid/CPR/AED for Loggers National Safety Council standard first aid, adult CPR, and AED training. Additionally, special focus will be logging injury prevention and a new logging site informational form. Tues., March 29, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. SPNHF Headquarters, 54 Portsmouth St., Concord. Visit [nhtoa.org](http://nhtoa.org).

### One-time screenings

• **WOMEN'S HEALTH SCREENING** Rivier University Nurse Practitioner students supervised by advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) will perform the exams. Screenings will include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam and Pap smear. Thurs., March 24, 5 to 8 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. Free. Pre-registration is required. Call 595-3168.

• **MEN'S HEALTH SCREENING** Rivier University Nurse Practitioner students supervised by advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) will perform the exams. Screenings will include a PSA (blood work) and a rectal exam. Thurs., March 31, 5 to 8 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. Free. Pre-registration is required. Call 595-3168.

### Wellness workshops & seminars

• **PATH OF PRACTICE: A JOYFUL HEART** Learn to develop a joyful. Workshop focuses on the importance of positive emotions to the spiritual life, and explores meditation and devotion as ways to developing them. Sat., March 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aryaloka Buddhist Center, 14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket. \$65/50/35. Visit [aryaloka.org](http://aryaloka.org).

• **ADULT MUSIC THERAPY GROUP** Music therapy demonstration. Participate in music-making, -listening and movement. Work with a group to create meaningful music and socialize. Mon., March 28, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. 250 Commercial St., Suite 1002, Manchester. Free and open to all. Call 479-1272.

• **DROP-IN MEDITATION CLASS** Weekly meditation practice class. Instructor will guide the group in a variety of mindfulness meditations. This class is for anyone, regardless of your experience with meditation. Wear loose, comfortable clothes, bring along a yoga mat, pillows, blanket, cushion, etc. or anything else you may need for your comfort. Chairs are provided. Thurs., 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., May 5 through 26. Bedford Town Hall, 70 Bedford Center Road, Bedford. Suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 per class and can be paid by cash or check to the instructor. Visit [BedfordRecOnline.com](http://BedfordRecOnline.com).

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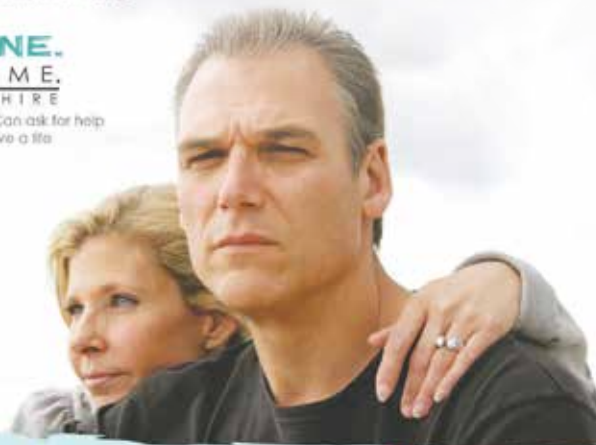
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## TOUR COMMERCIAL SPACES

The Milford Improvement Team will host its third annual Vacant Spaces Tour on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. The event gives anyone thinking about starting, expanding or relocating a business the chance to see commercial spaces available in Milford and Wilton. Retail, office and industrial spaces will be featured. The self-guided tour begins at Milford Police Department's training room (19 Garden St., Milford) with coffee and refreshments and a brief panel discussion. Visit [milfordimprovementteam.org](http://milfordimprovementteam.org).

### Marketing & Business Job fairs

• **CANOEBIE LAKE PARK SPRING JOB FAIR** A variety of positions are available, including ride and game attendants, cashiers, gate attendants, security officers and agents, EMTs, food service personnel, ride mechanics, custodial attendants and more. The park opens April 30. Sat., April 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Canobie Lake Park, 85 N. Policy St., Salem. Visit [canobie.com](http://canobie.com).

Other

### • STRATEGIC NETWORKING FOR PEOPLE WHO HATE NETWORKING

Learn how to make authentic connections to help open doors. Find out how to develop your elevator pitch, follow up on introductions, and create a networking action plan. Thurs., March 24, 7 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free. Registration is required. Visit [tinyurl.com/npllectures](http://tinyurl.com/npllectures).

• **VACANT SPACES TOUR** This event will showcase available commercial spaces in the towns of Milford and extend into Wilton. Properties on the tour will include retail, office and industrial space. Sat., March 26, 9 a.m. to noon. Milford Police Department, 19 Garden St., Milford. Visit [milfordimprovementteam.org](http://milfordimprovementteam.org).

• **HARNESSING THE POWER OF LINKEDIN** LinkedIn is a powerful networking site for people who want to connect with new clients, build brand awareness, or expand their personal networks. Learn how to set up your profile, find and add contacts, request recommendations, use groups to connect with your target audience, and more. Thurs., May 19, 7 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free. Registration is required. Visit [tinyurl.com/npllectures](http://tinyurl.com/npllectures).

### Personal finance workshops

• **RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP** Learn

the facts about social security, Medicare and Medicaid; understand how taxes and investment fees affect your retirement income; know your risks in your retirement investments and how to avoid a catastrophic loss to your savings. Tues., March 29, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Visit [wadleighlibrary.org](http://wadleighlibrary.org).

• **NEW TO MEDICARE WORKSHOPS** Workshop geared to those new to Medicare or who are planning to go on Medicare in the next few months. It will review the basics of Medicare Parts A & B, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D), Medicare Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, and Preventing Medicare Fraud and Abuse. Thurs., March 31, Wed., May 4, and Mon., June 13, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Community Crossroads (2nd Floor), 8 Commerce Drive, Atkinson. Space is limited, so call to reserve your spot. Call ServiceLink at 893-9769.

• **TAX HELP** Tues., 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Thurs., 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., through April 14. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Free. Appointments not required. Visit [wadleighlibrary.org](http://wadleighlibrary.org).

### Misc

#### Antique events

• **ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL DAY** Sat., April 16, 1 to 4 p.m. Laconia Antique Center, 601 Main St., Laconia. \$5 per item. Call 527-1278.

#### Card, board & dice games for adults

• **ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT** Play checkers, chess, Yahtzee, Scrabble, Mancala, Pictionary, Apples to Apples, Bananagrams, or whatever games you can bring. Every Monday in March, 7 to 9 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free and open to adults ages 18 and up. Call 589-4610.

• **WEEKLY CRIBBAGE LEAGUE** Weekly Cribbage

League in Merrimack. Alcohol and smoking is not permitted. Also looking for substitutes. Wednesday nights. Starts between 5:15 and 5:45 p.m. League runs through April. VFW, 282 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack. Cost \$5/week with weekly payouts for top teams. For more info, contact Scott at 429-9521 or [mortimer@gmail.com](mailto:mortimer@gmail.com).

• **BEGINNER MAH JONGG GROUP** Learn and play American Mah Jongg. All are welcome. Meets weekly. Wed., 2 to 4 p.m. starting April 6. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.

### Pet events

• **MICROCHIP & RABIES CLINIC** All pets must be leashed or caged. Bring proof of previous vaccines to receive rabies vaccine. All proceeds benefit Friends of the Manchester Animal Shelter. Sat., March 26, 8 a.m. to noon. Veterinary Emergency Center of Manchester, 336 Abby Road, Manchester. \$25 to microchip dog or cat. \$15 for rabies vaccine. Call 628-3544.

### Religion-related events

• **ISRAELI DANCE NIGHT** Kiddush, music, dancing will follow immediately after the Friday night service. Fri., March 25, April 29, June 3, services begin at 7:30 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 Hood Road, Derry. Free. Visit [etzhayim.org](http://etzhayim.org).

### Workshops

• **COMMUNICATION SKILLS WORKSHOP SERIES** Six-part series teaches communication model to practice in families, relationships, organizations, classrooms or anywhere people gather. Learn to listen to others more carefully and speak in ways that are more likely to be heard, all within a context of consideration and respect for yourself and others. Sessions are stand-alone, yet advancing for those who attend multiple ones. Sat., March 19, 26,





## LEADERSHIP LEARNING

The Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications (749 E. Industrial Park Drive, Manchester) will have a workshop, "Leadership: The Commitment to Make it Happen," on Friday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. New Hampshire State Police Lt. John Marasco will teach on the importance of effective communication, collaboration and meaningful interpersonal relationships in leadership development. Conflict prevention, rapport building and strategies to improve employee morale, motivation and efficiency will be highlighted. The cost is \$50. Visit [loebsschool.org](http://loebsschool.org).

April 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Visit [wadleighlibrary.org](http://wadleighlibrary.org).  
**• YOUR ORGANIZED LIFE STARTS HERE** In this information-packed workshop with Lorraine Falcone, you'll learn the basics of organizing your home and getting started on the path to your new organized life. This program is being offered as part of Money Smart Week. Wed., April 27, 6 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.

### Yard sales/fundraisers/ auctions

**• INDOOR FLEA MARKET** Features 30 vendors selling new and used merchandise, a book sale, designers corner, and raffle. The thrift shop will be open and offering "fill-a-bag" for \$4.00, clothing only. A representative of Nashua Coin and Collectables will be on site to weigh and purchase gold. Sat., March 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nashua Senior Center, 70 Temple St., Nashua. Free. Call Margo Bell at 816-2643 for more info.

**• KIDS' SPRING CONSIGNMENT SALE** Find gently used, great quality children's clothes from infant to teen, baby gear, footwear, costumes, toys, nursery furniture and décor, sports equipment, books and more at outstanding prices. Maternity wear will also be available. Deadline to sign up as a consignor is March 28. Sat., April 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Half-price sale on Sun., April 3, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; New parent presale on Fri., April 1, 5 to 8 p.m. (registration required). Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road, Dover. Visit [childrensmuseum.org](http://childrensmuseum.org).

**• MIAMI NIGHTS** Fundraiser with a silent auction, games and an 80s dance party. Fri., April 1. Sky Meadow Country Club, 6 Mountain Laurels Drive, Nashua. \$50 per person. Visit [margueritesplace.org](http://margueritesplace.org) or call 598-1582.

**• THREE CLUB MAGIC AUCTION** Auction of interest to magician hobbyists, collectors, or professionals. A fundraiser for the non-profit local affiliates of The International Brotherhood of Magicians and Society of American Magicians in Nashua, Manchester, and Portland. Sun., April 3, viewing from 9 to 10 a.m., bidding starts at 10 a.m. Holiday Inn, Woodbury Ave., Portsmouth. For more information contact Mike Aranda ([jediwakko@msn.com](mailto:jediwakko@msn.com)), or BJ Hickman ([BJ@BJHickman.com](mailto:BJ@BJHickman.com)) or call 742-4010.

**• CASA CARES: AN EVENING OF GIVING FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN** Features a spring fashion show, a comedy show, a mystery wine grab and a live auction. Proceeds help New Hampshire's abused and neglected children to grow up in a safe and loving home. Fri., April 15, 6:30 p.m. Castleton Banquet Center, 58 Enterprise Drive, Windham. Visit [casanh.org](http://casanh.org).

**• MOM PROM NASHUA** Women gather to wear old prom dresses and tacky bridesmaids dresses for a fun-filled girls' night out with dancing, food, cocktails, photo booths, classic prom traditions and more. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Hospital Breast Care Center. Sat., April 16, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Alpine Grove, 19 S. Depot Road, Hollis. \$55 per person. Visit [momprom-nashua.org](http://momprom-nashua.org).

### Museums & Tours History & museum events

**• ALL ABOUT AIRPORTS** Attendees will learn about the history, operations, finances, and impact of these transportation hubs. Sat., April 9, 11 a.m. Aviation Museum of NH, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry. Regular Admission applies. Visit [aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://aviationmuseumofnh.org).  
**• THE STUDY OF WOOD AS AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOOL IN UNDERSTAND-**

**ING THE PAST** Presentation will explore the use of wood as an archaeological tool in researching the past. Examples include lumber samples discovered in historic structures as well as in early cemeteries of New Hampshire. Fri., May 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. Call 668-2045.

### Nature & Gardening Animals/insects

**• BECOMING WOLF: THE EASTERN COYOTE IN NEW ENGLAND** Wild Candid Ecologist Christine Schadler gives a presentation on the eastern coyote's behavior, ecology and how to co-exist with them here in New Hampshire. Tues., March 29, 7 p.m. Amherst Town Library, 14 Main St., Amherst. Free. Registration is required. Visit [amherstlibrary.org](http://amherstlibrary.org).  
**• INTRO TO PELAGIC WILDLIFE** Enjoy a brief slideshow on wildlife you might see just off New Hampshire's coast. Learn how to identify some common pelagic birds as well as a few commonly sighted whale species. Sat., May 28, 3 to 4 p.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. \$5 (free to those attending the Pelagic Trip on May 30). Call 668-2045.

### Birding events

**• AVIAN ADVENTURES IN SPRING - CLASSROOM EXPLORATION** Learn about the behaviors of migratory and resident birds who visit the Massabesic Audubon Center through an exploration of their songs, nesting strategies and territorial activities. Thurs., April 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members. Call 668-2045.  
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# Synthetic versus regular motor oil



By Ray Magliozzi

*Dear Car Talk:*

*I am an old geezer who probably has lived through 100 or more oil changes in my lifetime, always using regular motor oil. Now I own a 2014 Honda CR-V that I bought used with about 10,000 miles on it, and it's due for an oil change. The previous owner used synthetic motor oil. When I called the dealership to make an appointment, I asked about the difference between synthetic motor oil and regular motor oil. I was told that synthetic oil costs twice as much. For comparison, an oil-and-filter change using regular oil is \$29.95. An oil-and-filter change using synthetic oil is \$59.95. I also was told that synthetic oil is recommended for my vehicle. In addition, they claim that synthetic oil lasts longer, so you can go longer between oil changes. However, as far as I know, the computer-controlled oil-life indicator on the vehicle makes no distinction between regular oil and synthetic oil. Is synthetic motor oil really worth the extra cost? — Robert*

I think it is. In my experience, and in legitimate testing, synthetic oil consistently performs better than dinosaur-bone oil. It

lubricates better, makes engines last longer, improves mileage and takes longer to break down under the heat of engine use.

A number of supposedly informed people say you can go nearly twice as long between oil changes with synthetic. If you did that, the cost would be the same over the life of the car.

But you're right that your car's computer has no idea what you're putting in the crankcase. You could put a kale smoothie in there, and it'd tell you it's time for a new one after about 7,500 miles.

The "maintenance minder" system in your Honda keeps track of things like the number of engine starts and how many revolutions the crankshaft makes. And when it believes that your four and a half quarts of conventional oil is getting dirty, breaking down and needs to be changed, it lights up an indicator on your dashboard.

If you use synthetic oil, you'll have to make your own decisions on when to change the oil and filter. You could go ahead and change the oil and filter when the light goes on, which is what Honda would tell you to do, and accept that you're just paying that extra \$30 to get better engine protection and longer engine life. I'd be tempted to do that, too.

Or you can ask the Honda service manager for his or her recommendation. And

ask him to make a note on your oil-change repair order when you're due for your next oil change, given that you're using synthetic oil. That way, Honda can never challenge a warranty claim by saying you didn't change your oil as often as Honda recommends.

If it were my car, I'd use the synthetic oil and pay the extra \$30. Using good, clean oil is one of the cheapest insurance policies you can buy for your engine. So, don't think of it as a wasted \$30. Think of it as a hell of a deal on engine insurance.

*Dear Car Talk:*

*I would like to purchase a used luxury sedan from the 1960s (Lincoln, Chrysler or Cadillac). Many are advertised with rebuilt engines. Do you have any experience or knowledge about the reliability and dependability of these rebuilt V-8s? Could I expect one to run 75,000-100,000 miles without major problems if it is not abused? Thank you. — John*

Sure. Keep in mind that when these cars were new, if you got 75,000 miles out of the engine without major repairs, you'd be thrilled. And it's unlikely that they'll be any more reliable or dependable than they were in the 1960s. That means they'll be prone to flooding, stalling and not starting in the rain.

You can improve reliability by converting the thing to electronic ignition. There are companies that sell kits for doing that.

But in general, mediocre reliability is the price you pay for falling in love with something old and unusual. So to answer your question, if an engine rebuild is done well, the engine absolutely can last many tens of thousands of miles.

And if you really plan to keep the car for 75,000 or 100,000 miles, you should consider finding a good car that you like, and then having the engine rebuilt yourself. That way, you'll know it's been done well, and you'll get the maximum life out of it.

A guy I know brought a '59 Cadillac convertible into the shop to have it restored. We obviously couldn't buy a new engine for that car, so we sent the old engine out to our rebuilder of choice, Jasper Engines.

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look and listen for bird activity. Sat., April 30, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members. Call 668-2045.

• **COASTAL BIRDING** Enjoy birding on the coast with Audubon trustee JoAnn O'Shaughnessy. Meet at State Park, then carpool to coastal hot spots. Wed., May 18, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hampton Beach State Park parking lot, NH-1A, Hampton. \$6 for members, \$9 for non-members. Call 668-2045.

### Boat tours

• **PELAGIC TRIP** Join NH Audubon aboard MV *Granite State* and explore Jeffrey's Ledge, 20 miles off the New Hampshire coast. Spend all day at sea, searching for pelagic seabirds, whales, dolphins and more. Mon., May 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet at the harbor at 7:30 a.m. for check-in. Rye Harbor, 1870 Ocean Blvd., Rye. \$70 for members, \$90 for non-members. Call 668-2045.

### Gardening & farming events & workshops

• **GROW ORGANIC: VEGETABLE AND FRUIT GARDENING WORKSHOPS** Tues., March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. (the good, the bad and the ugly); Sat., April 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (berries, berries and more berries); Tues., April 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. (a four season harvest); Tues., April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. (growing your favorite veggies); Tues., April 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. (great tasting tomatoes); Sat., April 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. (tour Living Earth Farm, Brookline). Beaver Brook Association, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis. Cost is \$10 for weeknight workshop, \$20 for Saturday workshop, \$125 for all 12 workshops. See [beaverbrook.org](http://beaverbrook.org).

• **VEGETABLE GARDENING 101** Master gardener

Linda West shares the growing process and tips. Sat., April 9, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens, 456 Route 103A, Newbury. Requested donation \$10. Registration required. Call 763-4789 ext. 3. See [thefells.org](http://thefells.org).

• **GOOD GARDENING WORKSHOP SERIES** Workshops will cover starting your garden, growing vegetables before the typical growing season and minimizing disease and pest issues. Sat., April 16, Sat., April 30, at 10 a.m. Moulton Farm, 18 Quarry Road, Meredith. Free. See [moultonfarm.com](http://moultonfarm.com).

• **IMPLEMENTING A PERMANENT RAISED BED SYSTEM** Learn about this intensive growing method that aims for higher yields in small spaces, less reliance on tillage equipment and higher quality produce. Sat., April 23, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury. \$15 for Village and Concord Food Co-op Members, \$20 for non-members. Visit [shakers.org](http://shakers.org).

### Nature art & photography

• **PHOTOGRAPHING NATURE** Paul Hopkins shares knowledge of outdoor photography and camera skills. Thurs., April 14, at 6 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord.

### Nature hikes & walks

• **MOONLIT WALK** Environmental educators will guide lead a moonlit walk through Prescott Farm. You will learn to identify several constellations in the night sky, discuss the habits of several nocturnal animals, and practice your own night vision abilities. Snowshoes will be provided as needed. All ages are welcome. Sat., March 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center, 928 White

Oaks Road, Laconia. Registration is required. Visit [prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org).

• **BIRDATHON/BLOOMATHON** Take a morning walk to identify various bird species or flower species in the area. Sat., May 21, bird walk from 8 to 9:30 a.m., bloom walk from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members per walk. For both walks, \$10/\$15. Call 668-2045.

### Other outdoors

• **STAYING FOUND WORKSHOP** Join AMC Boston Family Outings and NE K-9 Search and Rescue for a program on avoiding being lost in the woods and what to do if you are lost. See search and rescue dogs in action. Sat., April 30, 2 to 4 p.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. Free. Pre-registration required. Call Millie Mugica at 891-5726 before 9:30 p.m., or email [millie.mugica@gmail.com](mailto:millie.mugica@gmail.com).

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# Duck stop ahead

Birdwatchers tour Concord in search of waterfowl



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By Angie Sykeny  
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Ducks and geese are getting an early start on migration this year, and anyone interested in catching a glimpse of these birds as they pass through New Hampshire can do so at the Concord-area waterfowl field trip put on by New Hampshire Audubon on Saturday, March 26.

The trip is led by Bob Quinn, owner of Merlin Wildlife Tours based in Warner. Quinn previously worked for New Hampshire Audubon as its first staff ornithologist and continues to help organize bird programs as a volunteer. He's been guiding the annual Concord-area waterfowl field trip for over 30 years.

"We expect to see the spring migrants ... that nest to the north of us, usually in Canada," Quinn said. "This year is a challenge because it's such an early spring; the ducks are passing through now with nothing to slow them down. That's where my decades of experience come in handy, because I know where to go to find them, even if migration has mostly gone through."

Participants will meet at the New Hampshire Audubon McLane Center in Concord at 2 p.m. Quinn will offer some opening remarks, then give everyone a chance to introduce themselves and share what they'd like to see and do on the trip.

While the trip attracts mostly established hobbyists, Quinn said it's also a suitable introduction for newbies.

"Brand new birdwatchers are welcome and encouraged [to attend]," he said. "Ducks and geese are a great way to get started because they're easy to see and identify."

The group will visit four or five sites over the course of the afternoon, concluding at dusk at a site where ducks are expected to

roost. Quinn won't make a final decision on locations until that morning when he can gauge the environmental conditions, but some of his "tried and true" sites, he said, include Horseshoe Pond, Turtle Pond, Turkey Pond and the Merrimack River.

"The Merrimack River itself has some good backwaters," he said. "It's probably the second best place to see ducks and geese migrating — second to Connecticut — so it's a good place to focus on."

Participants will carpool to each location, where Quinn will lead them to waterfowl-active areas and point out any visible wildlife. He will have a telescope to share but encourages people to bring their own telescope or binoculars if they have them and share with others who don't, if they are willing. The amount of time spent at each site depends on the level of waterfowl activity and the number of participants sharing viewing equipment.

According to Quinn, probable bird sightings on the trip include the Canada goose, black duck, wood duck, great blue heron and bald eagle. The American widgeon, gadwall, snow goose and northern pintail have also been seen in the past.

"Even though they come through every year, there's an element of unpredictability that makes it fun," he said. "We don't know what we'll see that day. We might see something really special or maybe we just get a good quality look at something. Close looks at these birds, they're just magical."

## Concord-area waterfowl field trip

**Where:** New Hampshire Audubon McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord

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pulmonary function and medication reconciliation. Thurs., Apr. 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nashua Senior Center, 70 Temple St., Nashua. Free and open to all seniors. No appointment is necessary.

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### Sports & Recreation Runs/walks/races

• **SPRING FORWARD ROTARY RUN** 5K and 10K trail runs to support local community efforts to fight addiction. Sun., April 24, 10 a.m. Historic Hills House, 211 Derry Road, Hudson. Visit [runreg.com/spring-forward-rotary-run](http://runreg.com/spring-forward-rotary-run).

• **5TH ANNUAL KOMEN NH RACE FOR THE CURE** A 5K run or walk to benefit Komen Vermont-New Hampshire. In addition to the walk and run, the day's festivities will include a Survivor Celebration, a Kids' 50-yard Dash and a Silent Auction. Sat., May 7, 9 a.m. Strawberry Banke Museum, 14 Hancock St., Portsmouth. A \$30 early bird registration available for individual runners and walkers through March 31, after which registration goes to \$35 (survivor registration remains \$30 per participant at all times). Register at [komenvtnh.org/NHrace](http://komenvtnh.org/NHrace).

• **LITE UP THE NIGHT**

**FOR MENTAL HEALTH** 5K run/walk to help provide an improved quality of life for those challenged with mental illness. Participants are asked to wear their brightest apparel to show their support. Thurs., June 23, race begins at 6:30 p.m. Derryfield Park, Manchester. Registration rates are \$20 before April 1, \$25 after, \$30 on race day. Visit [runformentalhealth.org](http://runformentalhealth.org).

### Spectator sports

• **SKATE-A-THON** Join Granite State Roller Derby for the evening to cheer on your favorite skater and support the league for a good cause. DJ Nazy from WLNH will emcee. See Roller Derby demonstrations, meet your local roller derby athletes in person and participate in some fun spectator activities. Fri., April 1, 7 to 8 p.m. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road, Concord. Donations raised will benefit the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Pledge per lap or one fixed amount for total event participation. Visit [granitesterollerderby.com](http://granitesterollerderby.com).

### Volunteer Nature

• **THE LITTLE NATURE MUSEUM** A small non profit nature center seeks volunteers for its 2016 season to assist visitors in the museum. Must be age 16 or older. Seniors are welcome to apply. Community service credit available for high school and college students. Museum hours are Fri. through Sun., holidays, and weekdays by appointment, May 22 to Oct. 30. 18 Highlawn Road, Warner. See [littlenaturemuseum.org](http://littlenaturemuseum.org) or call 746-6121.

### Events

• **INVADERS BEWARE: SPECIES REMOVAL FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY** Learn about a few invasive plants in the area that may be attacking your yard. Then, help the NH Audubon Volunteer Coordinator Amy O'Brien remove some of the invasive

plants on the Massabesic Audubon Center property. Sat., May 14, 10 a.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. Free. Call 668-2045.

### Children

• **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** Seeking volunteers to serve as mentors. Big Brothers Big Sisters matches mentors or "bigs" with youth or "littles" to build relationships to help the child grow socially and educationally. BBBS of Greater Nashua, 33 Main St., Suite 501, Nashua. BBBS of Greater Manchester, 25 Lowell St., Suite 201, Manchester. Contact Sharon Pangaro (669-5365 ext. 201) to volunteer. Manchester (669-5365, [bbbsmanchester.org](http://bbbsmanchester.org)), Nashua (883-4851, [bbbs.org](http://bbbs.org)).

• **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)** Volunteers needed throughout the state to advocate for abused and neglected children. On average, volunteers spend 8-10 hours a month between visits, court, follow-up and report writing. Volunteers work with families, social workers, attorneys and judges to ensure a safe and permanent home for these children. After a careful screening and application process, volunteers receive 40 hours of specialized training and ongoing case supervision. 138 Coolidge Ave., Manchester. Volunteers are trained citizens appointed as the Guardian ad Litem (GAL or "guardian of the case") to advocate for an abused or neglected child's best interests. Apply at [casanh.org](http://casanh.org), email [speakup@casanh.org](mailto:speakup@casanh.org), or call 800-626-0622.

• **GIRLS INC.** Seeking volunteers to help with office support, special events, special programs, and mentoring in their Greater Nashua, Manchester, and Concord offices. Nashua Girls' Center, 27 Burke St., Nashua. 340 Varney St., Manchester. 39 Green St., Concord. See [girlsincnewhampshire.org](http://girlsincnewhampshire.org) or email [amandabombara@girlsincnewhampshire.org](mailto:amandabombara@girlsincnewhampshire.org). Call Nashua (882-6256), Manchester (623-1117), Concord (223-0087).



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IN/OUT TECH

## Virtual networks for privacy

VPNs keep your Web activities encrypted

By John "jaQ" Andrews  
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When you're surfing on a public Wi-Fi hotspot, your every action is transmitted in the clear. In theory, anyone nearby could be snooping on your clicks, keystrokes, passwords, and credit card numbers, since none of it is encrypted on the local network.

It's the price we pay for convenience, but it's possible to secure that connection for very little money, or even none at all, depending on your usage.

Virtual Private Network (VPN) providers offer a fully encrypted channel from your laptop to the Internet. Because they distribute their own middleman servers all around the world, many include the side benefit of disguising your true location from services that are limited by country — say, streaming video of your favorite BBC drama before it's officially available in the USA.

### CyberGhost

As a free service, CyberGhost is a good place to start exploring the VPN world. It doesn't require any payment or login information to download the software and start using it. When I first connected, I was told that there were no available slots for free users, but the queue of about 2,500 cleared in a couple minutes.

You can upgrade for \$6.99 per month (or \$69.96 yearly) to get access to more servers as well as an ad and tracking blocker, malicious website protection, and data compression to make the connection seem faster. You're also not disconnected after three hours.

### TunnelBear

Also free, but requiring an account with an email and password, TunnelBear is limited to 500MB of data transfer per month. The setup program and interface are chock full of adorable bear illustrations, and there was no log-on queue, though it did take a minute to go from "Connecting..." to "Connected." A basic tracking blocker is included.

Upgrading for \$6.99 per month (or \$49.99 yearly) gets you unlimited data and per-website tunneling.

### PrivateTunnel

Don't want to worry about monthly data caps? PrivateTunnel operates differently, offering a free 500MB account, 20GB



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for \$9.99, and 100GB for \$19.99. Those allowances never expire, so if you take one business trip a year but blow through 10GB each time, you're still set for a decade with the 100GB plan. There's also an unlimited plan for \$29.99 per year, which is less than pretty much every other reputable service.

PrivateTunnel is a project of OpenVPN Technologies, Inc., so they're intimately familiar with the open-source protocol, OpenVPN itself, at the heart of their solution. You need to provide an email address and password before even downloading, and that download site was oddly slow when I tried it. The software worked fine once installed, though.

### VPN Gate

Unlike other services on this list, VPN Gate is an academic project run by volunteers through the University of Tsukuba, Japan. Rather than provide its own software, the VPN Gate website lists instructions on how to use various VPN programs and operating system settings to connect to its network.

Choosing a country isn't as simple as with commercial VPN providers, but there's never any registration required and there's no limit on data transfer. There's also no upsell.

Pretty much all VPN software installs virtual network adapters on your computer, so don't be alarmed if you see something like "TUN/TAP driver installed." Enjoy your safer surfing!

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### 1. SEND IN A JOB LISTING

Hippo's weekly job listings are a great way to get info about your opening in front of our audience of 205,000 people in southern N.H. They're text-only, maximum 35 words—and best of all, they're **FREE**. :) See this week's Job Listings page for details on how to submit your info for publication.

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### 2. RUN A KICK-ASS DISPLAY AD

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If you are interested in this amazing opportunity, please apply online at [CCSjobs.net](http://CCSjobs.net) and type in 'Temporary Breach Customer Service Associate' in the keyword search. You must pass a background check to qualify. Call Tracy at 603.257.9000 x7852, if you have any questions.

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## 55 JOB LISTINGS

Looking for work? Need employees? Check out Hippo's free job postings, available for a limited time only.

### N.H. JOB FACTS:

Local unemployment rates:

• Concord.....	2.4%
• Dover.....	2.4%
• Laconia.....	3.4%
• Manchester.....	3.0%
• Nashua.....	3.4%
• Portsmouth.....	2.1%
• Rochester.....	2.7%
• Statewide.....	2.9%

Source: N.H. Department of Employment Security statistics for January 2016.

## THIS WEEK IN JOBS / CAREERS

This week's Hippo has a wide range of opportunities for you to explore:

• **The American Red Cross** is currently seeking enrollees for Day and Evening Classes in its Nurses Assistant Training program. It's a good way to get into the healthcare field. (Page 52)

• **Northwest Counseling** is looking for a Family Support Specialist. This Vermont-based organization is a private, non-

profit, human services agency serving Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. (Page 52)

• **A.J. LeBlanc Heating, Plumbing, and Air Conditioning** has openings for Maintenance Techs, Service Techs, HVAC Installation Techs, and other positions as well. (Page 52)

• **E & R Cleaners** is looking for people to work in their Manchester facility for an early morning shift that starts at 4 a.m. It's a great chance to join

this family-owned and growing local business. (Page 53)

• **The CCS Companies**, an industry leader in Business Process Outsourcing, is hiring temporary Breach Customer Service Associates for an exciting, new opportunity in data & security breach response. (Page 53)

• **Pitco Friolater** is now hiring welders and assemblers for its busy manufacturing plant on the Bow/Concord line. It's a

great chance to put your trade skills to work at this highly-regarded company. (Page 54)

• **Mr. Appliance of New Hampshire** is recruiting skilled service techs for its operations throughout New Hampshire's southern tier. Professionals licensed for gas fitting are especially welcome to apply. (Page 54)

• **Wal-Mart** is hiring a wide variety of employees for its expanded new store on Gold

Street in Manchester, due to open in April 2016. It's a great chance to join a great company. (Page 55)

• **The Bedford School District**, ranked as one of the best in the nation, has immediate openings in several areas, and is also recruiting professional staff for the 2016-17 school year. (Page 55)

• And you'll see plenty of job openings in our free line ads. (Page 55).



# ON THE JOB

## BRENNAN BARNARD

### DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING AND OUTREACH AT THE DERRYFIELD SCHOOL

As a former college admissions officer, Brennan Barnard knows what colleges look for in their applicants. Now, he uses that knowledge in his job at The Derryfield School to guide students through the college application process and help them reach their goals for after high school. The Derryfield is a private school for grades 6 through 12 located in Manchester.

**Q:** *Explain in one sentence what your current job is.*

I help students and families navigate the ever-changing world of college admissions while dreaming big and planning thoughtfully.

*How long have you worked there?*

I started in July of 2008.

*How did you get interested in this field?*

I think I realized early on how power-

ful personal connections and mentors can be. I can rattle off names of educators who impacted my life and helped me understand who I am and what my strengths are, and I wanted to have the opportunity to play that meaningful role in the lives of young people as they plan for life beyond high school.

*What kind of education or training did you need for this job?*

I have my bachelor's in psychology and master's in education, but I learned most-

ly from working with mentors in the field and visiting hundreds of colleges.

*How did you find your current job?*

When I was a college admissions officer ... at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania, I used to visit The Derryfield School as part of my territory. I was always impressed with the maturity and curiosity and depth of the students, so when the job opened for director of college counseling, I jumped at it.

*What's the best piece of work-related advice anyone's ever given you?*

"College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won," meaning college is not about the bumper sticker. It's not about proving yourself. It's about finding the right fit for you and your goals and finding a school that will honor your strengths and be a community where you'll thrive.

*What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?*



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I wish I knew how rewarding this work would be, to see the transformation in students' lives and to see the joy and pride on a student's face when they find a school that's ideal for them and are admitted to that school.

*What is your typical at-work uniform?*

Dress pants, a button-down and a sweater.

*What was the first job you ever had?*

My first job in education was as a Spanish teacher. My first job ever was selling Christmas trees. — Angie Sykeny

#### Five favorites

**Favorite book:** *Let Your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer

**Favorite movie:** *Dead Poets Society*

**Favorite type of music or musician:** Singer/songwriter, acoustic rock. My favorite local musician is Mike Morris.

**Favorite food:** Sushi

**Favorite thing about NH:** The people, and the small-town-type communities.

## Appliance Repair Tech

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  - Food Service
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News from the local food scene

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# FOOD

## Egg-ceeding egg-spectations

Local farmers offer chicken, duck and quail eggs

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Turkey eggs from Élevage de Volailles. Courtesy photo.

For many in modern America, the egg-buying routine is pretty simple: Grab a dozen chicken eggs during your weekly shopping trip and call it a day. Eggs from the grocery store make for easy one-stop shopping — but you're missing a whole array of eggs produced by farmers across the state.

### Eggs in the Granite State basket

Jon Dowie, co-owner of Dowie Farm in Derry, has sold duck eggs for the past six years and quail eggs for the past year. The Coturnix quail eggs are available year round, while the Metzger, Cayuga and an array of other duck breeds — each producing a different colored egg like black, gray or blue-green — are available from April to November.

With just over half an acre of space on their farm, Dowie said they decided to focus on niche egg markets from the start.

"But on the same note we liked ducks from the beginning. They're just fun to watch," he said. "They're really like a flock of clowns."

Jim Czack, owner of Élevage de Volailles in Rye, has seasonal chocolate turkey eggs, as well as year-round Leghorn chicken eggs and Khaki Campbell or Peking duck eggs. The duck and turkey eggs he sells because he raises both of those birds, while the chicken eggs he added purely for their popularity and demand.

Max Benedikt of Benedikt Dairy in Goffstown sells standard brown chicken eggs simply because that's what people want.

"It's something that people really like [that] we can produce [and] make a notable difference," he said. "The egg quality is better than what you can get in a large-scale quantity distribution system."

Available year round, he currently has 400 laying hens that could get up to 700 starting in April.

### Going local

Chicken eggs are the most familiar to most people, and lately Benedikt has noticed the state making a turn back to local eggs.

"Commercial egg production was a real economic factor [in New Hampshire], and I think that changed around the '60s and '70s," he said. "You can still see [poultry barns] when you drive around. ... You can see the remnants of the egg industry."

Appreciating the uptick on more than an individual level, Benedikt thinks access to local farm products fosters a better understanding of how people, food and the region are interconnected.

"You're actually eating the food that the land produces around you," he said. "It's important that farms are viable economically and operating in our neighborhood so the farmland is being taken care of and preserving the farming heritage."

The shift to the eat local movement has influenced local chicken egg producers like Terry Yianakopolos, co-owner of McDougall Farm in Goffstown, who says more people now want to know exactly where their food comes from.

"Whether it's vegetables, beef, our own meat, the eggs — everybody is worried about the living conditions of the animals [or] if they've ingested any form of chemical. People are trying to stay away from anything injected with anything," Yianakopolos said.

The experience of buying local eggs — going to a farm and seeing the chicken that lays your eggs — may give more meaning to the food, Benedikt said.

### Duck egg dynasty

Unlike the commonly known chicken, local producers of other eggs have had a harder time finding or even making a market in the state. Czack estimates he sells 700 dozen duck eggs each year.

"That's very small scale," Czack said. "The profit margin doesn't even buy you lunch, to be honest with you."

Eggs are not his main focus on the farm, he said, but since he raises ducks and turkeys and they're going to lay eggs whether he hatches them or not, he figured he might as well sell them to help pay for the breeders.

Czack said he and Andy Roberts of Emergent Farm in Kensington are working to create a market for duck eggs on the seacoast.

"It's all education," he said. "You just have to keep talking to people."

Education played a big roll for Dowie Farm's eggs as well. When they first started selling duck eggs, they always had an excess. Selling them for \$5 a dozen, they were losing money.

"I looked at [my fiancée] and said, 'People don't know what duck eggs are around here,'" Dowie said. "We're going to create a market."

So they started selling in downtown Derry

and talking with people about the benefits of duck eggs. At first they filled the niche market at health food stores — the protein level and non-alkaline aspects were a big draw — and now the market has grown to the point where last year they sold hundreds of dozens of duck eggs.

### Suggested servings

If you're unsure about substituting a new egg into your recipe, you're not alone. Fortunately, most changes are minor and only alter the heat or cooking time.

"The ... catch with a duck egg is it's more protein so you want to cook it on a lower heat and slower," Dowie said. "With quail you're going to do the same with chicken eggs, but [for less time]. I do all the quail sunny side up ... don't even bother flipping them."

If you want to bake with quail eggs in a recipe that calls for chicken, just use more eggs. Dowie said you can substitute three quail eggs for one chicken egg.

One of his favorite ways to eat fresh eggs is a homemade shake recipe he came up with that calls for duck or quail egg. To start, take eight quail eggs, six ounces of heavy cream or milk (almond, goat or coconut will work), half a teaspoon each of cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla and turmeric, and a sweetener of choice (he uses stevia, but you can try honey, maple syrup or sugar). Put everything in the blender, mix on a low speed and *voilà*. You can also substitute some of the cream or milk with cold coffee or add some raw organic cocoa powder for a twist.

"I eat a lot of raw eggs here because I know where they come from and have never had an issue. ... [I] wouldn't go to a store and eat raw eggs," Dowie said. "With quail ... salmonella is supposed to be unlikely because the body temp of the quail itself, they are not a host for it."

Cooking with duck egg is an easy substitution for chicken — it's a one-to-one ratio — but both Dowie and Czack said that with the higher fat content and albumin they make for much fluffier baking.

"What you'll find is your pastries and cakes will stay moist longer at a much softer consistency," Czack said. "Anything you taste becomes more voluminous."

For Benedikt, nothing beats cooking with a fresh chicken egg.

"When you crack it open the egg white should hold together, the yolk should be a nice ball in the middle," he said. "The thing is, if you can make a good poached egg with it, it's a good egg."

His favorite way to eat eggs is poached with salt and pepper served on a piece of bread with butter. 🍳

• **Cabonnay to the Queen City:** On March 17, Cabonnay announced that it plans to move the site of its future art gallery, oasis gardens and modern dining wine experience from Londonderry to Manchester. "We have been pursuing second locations for the expansion of the Cabonnay brand and found an ideal space in downtown Manchester. With this new location we are awarded with much more usable square footage, rooftop access, urban expansion," Kimberly Schuerhoff, director of media and marketing, told the Hippo. "These benefits, coupled with delayed and frustrating obstacles in the Town of Londonderry, [mean] our business ventures will greatly benefit by an expedited timeline in the new location in the city of Manchester." The Cabonnay Emporium in Londonderry (8 Mohawk Drive, Suite 2) will remain open as plans to move it to Manchester are explored. See cabonnay.com.

• **New chef welcomed:** Fratello's Italian Grille and Homestead Restaurants announced in a press release that Adam Parker is the newest member to join the restaurant family as executive chef. Parker earned his bachelor's degree in culinary management and a baking and pastry certification at the Culinary Institute of America. Previously he worked at The Admiral's Cove in Jupiter, Fla., The Sagamore Resort in Lake George, N.Y., Indian Head Resort in Lincoln, and Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa in Whitefield, and he is described as a chef who fosters a simple approach to food through passion.

• **Smutty news:** Two new faces joined the Smuttynose family: Michael Saklad, the new sales director, and Dez Smith, the new executive chef of Hayseed, which just celebrated its first anniversary last month. Smith comes from The Portsmouth Brewery and is starting to make some adjustments to the current Hayseed menu. **Smuttlabs**, the home for the brewing staff's special projects and ideas, will now only have bottles available at the brewery in limited quantity, with kegs for restaurants, bars and taprooms available exclusively in The Beer Vault (a new allocation portal for kegs of special releases). Perhaps the most noticeable change is a redesign of the packaging. "You'll still see Cy and Paul, Olive, the sideshow performers, and nearly all the other images you love, but the new designs really stand out on increasingly busy and visually-fragmented store shelves," a press release said.

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# Time for Celebrations

## Catering co. and restaurant settles into new city

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After making the move from Nashua to Manchester, Celebrations Distinctive Catering and Celebrations Kitchen owner Fred Manheck said they kept things fairly quiet for their first few months.

“We did not want to stretch our resources and we wanted to work out some of the bugs in opening a restaurant so we took our time,” he said. “I think there was enough time in between to allow us to perfect some recipes and stabilize what we’re doing here.”

Earlier this month, Celebrations hosted a ribbon-cutting at the restaurant and catering commissary on Second Street in Manchester.

Unlike many companies that are restaurant first with catering on the side, Celebrations is securely set as a catering company that has a restaurant on the side, and Manheck plans to keep it that way.

“Maybe half the building, maybe even a little more than half, is a dedicated catering commissary,” he said. “Whereas the front ... is the restaurant, seating for 25.”

In Nashua, Celebrations Distinctive Catering was not open to the public, as it was exclusively off-premise catering. Now the restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

“Now we’re open to the public and we’re already starting to see the benefit of that. We’re busy,” he said.

Incorporating a restaurant into the business opened doors for Manheck and the Celebrations staff to cook in a manner that wasn’t possible on a catering scale. For example, now they can cure their own meat.

“We actually smoke our own ham, and make our own pastrami, cook our own corned beef. We roast turkeys from scratch,” he said.

They also make their own bacon, taking pork bellies and curing then smoking them.

“We didn’t do it before and honestly I don’t do it for catering either because it’s just too much,” he said.

He estimated that they average making 75 to 100 pounds of bacon every week and a half, and the whole process takes almost two weeks.

“We’re not trying to reinvent the wheel in the restaurant, but we want to just give people a home-cooked experience and we think that’s different from most of what’s on this street,” he said.



Ham sandwich from Celebrations Kitchen. Courtesy photo.

Celebrations Distinctive Catering, Manheck’s longtime Nashua-based company, was forced to find a new home when its place on Main Street was set to be torn down by the church that owns the property. As he began to look around for a suitable space, Manheck recalled the former Amato’s on Second Street.

“I looked at this space a couple of times even before the move and my first thought was that it was big, too big, because where we came from was very small,” he said.

The restaurant had been vacant for about four years and a number of changes were needed before moving in. The main dining area stayed pretty much the same, aside from some redecorating and rearranging, but Manheck said they essentially built what is now the catering kitchen in the back of the building. As a way to mark the progress, two sets of photos are on display in the center of the restaurant, showing the before and after images of the building’s interior.

While he didn’t set out to move the business to Manchester (he’s lived in Nashua since 1963 and still has offices there), Manheck said that he kept coming back to the Second Street space, especially with the potential for adding on a restaurant in mind. In the end, the right combination of factors came together to bring Celebrations to Manchester.

“What do they call that, serendipitous?” he said. 🍷

### Celebrations

Visit Celebrations Distinctive Catering and Celebrations Kitchen, 1017 Second St., Manchester, or find them online at [celebrationsmenu.com](http://celebrationsmenu.com) and [celebration-skitchen.com](http://celebration-skitchen.com).



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## FOOD Happenings in Henniker

Restaurant and brewery partner for hyperlocal dinner



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Located less than five miles apart, Daniel's Restaurant and Henniker Brewing Company are teaming up on Thursday, March 31, for a beer dinner featuring five Henniker Brewing beers.

They've been doing an annual dinner since the brewery opened a few years ago.

"It's a different event," restaurant co-owner Judy Daniel said in a phone interview. "It brings people in, introduces them to new beers, new foods that they could eat and pair with the beers that complement each other."

Chris Slayton, executive chef at Daniel's, has experience orchestrating beer and wine pairing dinners and hopes this event will elevate beer beyond its common relaxed-and-laid back barbecue association.

"I'm trying to take it up a notch and show that it [beer] can really be done with good food as well," he said in a phone interview. "And [it's] a chance to showcase some of the fun stuff that we can do as a restaurant and a way for me to try new things that may be future specials."

Before planning the menu, Slayton stopped by Henniker Brewing to chat with the brewers about their beers, learning more about what they base the beers on when creating flavor profiles. For example, the dry-hopped pale ale Miles & Miles works well with cheese and grilled items, so Slayton is pairing it with a Contoocook Creamery cheddar cheese board with pickled vegetables and grilled asparagus.

"The second course is [an] IPA ... very hoppy ... and that really likes spicy items," he said. "I wanted something rich like a pork belly and pair it with a spicy and sweet, so we have the spicy pepper gastrique."

The third course pairs a double-hopped IPA with an arugula salad with shaved onion and cucumber, avocado dressing and spiced hard boiled eggs.

"I've done a two-week spiced hard boiled egg, so we're pickling eggs in a beet and hot pepper vinegar," he explained. "Anytime I've done an IPA it's usually worked really well with the salad course."

The fourth course highlights the Working Man's Porter, which Slayton described not as similar to a Guinness, but in the same class — dark, earthy and complex — that works well with roasted flavors. So he'll prepare a slow-braised short rib with roasted root vegetables and a Peruvian blue potato for a pop of color.

Finally, Amber Apparition will complement the dessert course with its caramel and toffee notes. It can be tough to pair beer with dessert, Slayton said, but this American amber ale that "really likes caramel and toasted sugar" will work well with a burnt caramel cream and candied pistachio-filled chocolate pastry puff.

Though they've done a number of beer dinners featuring Henniker Brewing's core and seasonal beers in the past, Slayton isn't concerned about any previous dish overlap.

"There's such a variety of food I can mix and match that it's always fun just to create something that's going to play off of these things," he said. "And sometimes you surprise yourself."

### Henniker Brewing Beer Dinner

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# IN THE KITCHEN

WITH **STEPHANIE ZINSER**

When Stephanie Zinser and her husband Rob started selling coffee in downtown Concord, it wasn't in a traditional way — they were making and delivering lattes and cappuccinos from their house. But after a successful run during Concord's Market Days, they realized their potential and opened True Brew Barista (3 Bicentennial Square, Concord, 225-2776, [truebrewbarista.com](http://truebrewbarista.com)) in 2007. In the early years, Zinser said, a lot of what they did was educate the Concord community — which at the time was all for drip brew coffee — about the world of espresso drinks, helping subtly ease folks in to exploring both flavored and more traditional coffees. Since then True Brew has added onto its craft coffee concept by growing the menu with food options, expanding its Bicentennial Square location to include a bar and live music space and branching out with a second location, True Brew Cafe, in Gibson's Bookstore on Concord's Main Street.



**What is your must-have barista tool or piece of equipment?**

The espresso machine; it makes all the difference in the world. In the Italian world they will tell you that there are three parts to coffee: the coffee itself, the machine and the hand-making it. So I think we do a good job at getting all three of those.

**What is the most unusual ingredient you've added to an espresso drink?**

Bacon. It was a bacon-flavored latte. ... I think he actually did it as a chocolate bacon latte and then the barista that was working that day put a piece of bacon across the top.

**What is your go-to coffee shop drink order?**

My basic drink is just an Americano with a little bit of milk.

**What is your favorite local eatery?**

I would have to say The Barley House is our favorite. Can I have more than one? The Barley House, O's, Yellow Sub, Constantly Pizza.

**What would you choose for your last meal?**

I would have to go with the Black & Blue from O [Steaks & Seafood].

**What celebrity would you like to share a latte with?**

I always want to go with the classic ones like Gandhi [but] I think I would have to say Ray Bourque. I'm a classic Bruins girl.

**What is your favorite item on your menu?**

Oh, barista balls. That is our go-to, most delicious. My mom had this recipe for what she used to call health balls and it's a pretty basic recipe; it's peanut butter and honey and Rice Krispies and powdered milk and she would roll it in wheat germ. We switched the Rice Krispies to Koala Crisps, we took the powdered milk and cut that with protein powder ... and then the honey and the peanut butter, we were pretty good with that, and then to change it from wheat germ we went with flax seed so that it's gluten-free. It's an easy little snack, a good protein snack.

— Allie Ginwala

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## Weekly Dish

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• **Book of maple:** As part of a national campaign by Northern Community Investment Corporation focused on maple as a health-conscious alternative to artificial sweeteners, northern New Hampshire and Vermont maple producers joined together to contribute to a free online cookbook of 18 maple-based recipes featuring everything from maple syrup pie to maple golden beet salad. Check out all of the recipes, available at [nhvtmaple.com](http://nhvtmaple.com).

• **Spring sips:** The Concord Family YMCA

hosts its 12th annual Spring Social "In Good Spirits" on Thursday, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord). The yearly event features a variety of beer and wines to taste, appetizers to enjoy from local restaurants, a silent auction and a Top Chef Cook-Off with area chefs. Tickets for the 21+ event cost \$35. See [concordymca.org](http://concordymca.org) or call 603-228-9622. Proceeds from the event benefit the YMCA's Annual Campaign.



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## FOOD & FILM

This year's New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival opens with the New England premiere screening of *In Search of Israeli Cuisine* on Thursday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. at Southern New Hampshire University (Mara Lecture Hall, Webster Hall). "We all watched it and really liked it because it had so many layers. ... It created culture, cuisine and community all at once," NHJFF co-chair and co-artistic director Linda Gerson told the Hippo.

"More than 100 cultures make up Israel today and their food from all these different countries and cultures ... have all come together and he's exploring in the film, what is Israeli cuisine?" Israeli-American celebrity chef Michael Solomonov — James Beard award winner, owner of Zahav in Philadelphia and author of the cookbook *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking* — explored the food culture of Israel, profiling chefs, home cooks, farmers, vintners and cheesemakers. "Talking about food and culture and community and cuisine was just a natural for this to be the opening night," Gerson said. "It hit all the key points for what we do at the festival." Chef Solomonov and filmmaker Roger Sherman will lead a Q&A session following the documentary about how a nation of immigrants create a "national dish." Solomonov will also sign cookbooks. Admission for opening night is \$10. See nhjewishfilmfestival.org for the full festival lineup. Photo courtesy of *In Search of Israeli Cuisine*.

### Food

#### Easter meals

**• EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH** Enjoy prime rib, omelet bar, eggs Benedict, waffle bar, desserts and more. Sun., March 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Woodstock Inn Station & Brewery, 135 Main St., North Woodstock. Cost is \$19.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children. Reservations suggested. See woodstockinnnh.com.

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#### Fairs/festivals/expos

**• NH RESTAURANT WEEK** Eight day celebration of NH's culinary scene, featuring celebrity chefs from across the state. Through March 25. See restaurantweeknh.com or facebook.com/RestaurantWeekNH.

**• THE MAPLE EXPERIENCE AT ROCKS ESTATES** Visitors can tap trees, explore the maple sugaring process, tour the Maple Museum and taste the traditional pairing of maple syrup, sour pickles and donuts. Fri., March 25, Sat., March 26, Sat., April 2. The Rocks Estate, 4 Christmas Lane, Bethlehem. Visit nhmapleexperience.com.

**• PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST** Open to all ages, recreate a scene from a favorite book or movie. Entries accepted Fri., March 25, to Fri., April 13. Prizes awarded Wed., April 13. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. See concordnh.gov.

**• PEEPS SHOW** Theme for this year's Peeps diorama contest is anything literary. Divisions for those 17 and older, age 11 to 16, age 7 to 10 and age 2 to 6. Peeps displayed through Sat., March 26. Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St., Dover. Call the reference desk (516-6082) for more details. See dover.nh.gov.

**• RESTAURANT WEEK PORTSMOUTH & THE SEACOAST** 51 participating restaurants offer prix fixe three course menu for lunch and dinner. Thurs., March 31 to Sat., April 9. Cost for lunch is \$16.95, dinner is \$29.95. Visit restaurantweekportsmouth.com.

**• PEEPS SHOW** Dioramas from adult or children's literature featuring marshmallow peeps. Through Thurs., March 31. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road, Hudson. See rogerslibrary.org.

**• SPRING SOCIAL** In Good Spirits, the 12th annual Spring Social for the Concord Family YMCA will feature wine and beer tastings, a local chef cook-off competition and live and silent auctions. Thurs., March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 South Main St., Concord. Tickets cost \$35 per person. 21+ event. Visit concordymca.org or contact ptaylor@concordymca.org to register.

#### Chef events/special meals

**• STREET FOOD BEER SOCIAL** Enjoy global street food paired with beer. Thurs., March 24, at 6 p.m. Hayseed Restaurant, 105 Towle Farm Road, Hampton. Tickets cost \$30. See smuttynose.com.

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#### Classes/workshops

**• FRENCH MACARON** Learn how to make classic French macarons from scratch with ganache filling. Thurs., March 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester. Cost is \$60. Visit finessepastries.com or call 232-6592.

**• GROW ORGANIC: VEGETABLE AND FRUIT GARDENING WORKSHOPS** Tues., March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. (the good, the bad and the ugly); Sat., April 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (berries, berries and more berries); Tues., April 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. (a four season harvest); Tues., April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. (growing your favorite veggies); Tues., April 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. (great tasting tomatoes); Sat., April 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. (tour Living Earth Farm, Brookline). Beaver Brook Association, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis. Cost is \$10 for weeknight workshop, \$20 for Saturday workshop, \$125 for all 12 workshops. See beaverbrook.org.

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## Pad Thai

While I just adore going out to eat (Someone else cooking? No cleanup? Yes, please!), it's not the best thing for anyone's budget or waistline. When I lived in San Francisco, cheap takeout was plentiful. Here on the beautiful seacoast of New Hampshire? Not so much. While living in Portsmouth has its culinary perks (fresh seafood and so much more!), it is quite pricey around here.

Perhaps it's a good thing that takeout is expensive because my waistline does not need it. According to the U.S. National Institutes of Health, portion sizes in America have doubled or even tripled in the last 20 years. And look around at the health problems plaguing our country: We absolutely do not need larger servings!

Yet, having someone cook for me is so appealing. My favorite excuse for going out to eat is that I can't make the kinds of foods I can get out and about. But is this really true? Perhaps I can't make dishes exactly right, but what if my version of them turns out different, in a better and healthier way? I'm all in.

One of my absolutely favorite dishes is pad thai. Even though the taste is amaz-



ing, I avoid ordering it because it is so unhealthy. From the amount of carbs to the hidden oils and sugars, it's just not worth it for me to indulge too often. But I recently found a recipe I could do at home that saved me both money and the extra calories. Even better that the recipe calls for a bunch of vegetables and my very favorite kitchen tool: a spiralizer!

While I typically make noodles out of zucchini, for this I opted to try carrots. With my spiralizer, the Vegetti, a really fat carrot is the best. Carrots are easy to find all year round and, if you shop at the right places (think winter farmers markets), you can even get local ones.

Carrots are root vegetables that are particularly high in beta carotene and vitamin A. Carrots are my go-to healthy snack because they are easy, crunchy and satisfying. Add a little hummus and they are just the thing I am craving. Add them to pad thai and you absolutely have me.

— Allison Willson Dudas 🍷

### Pad Thai

- 2 large shallots, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 green onions (cut into about 1-inch lengths)
- 2-3 cups mung bean sprouts
- 1 pound chicken breast sliced in really thin strips (I use my food processor slicing function)
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 4-6 super fat carrots OR 8 ounces rice noodles OR mix of both
- 3-5 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1/2 cup chopped roasted salted peanuts

### For the sauce:

- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons tamarind sauce concentrate

- 3 tablespoons palm sugar (you could also try honey)
- 1 tablespoon chili garlic sauce

Heat sauce ingredients over low heat until all mixed together and sauce is fragrant.

In a large wok, heat sesame oil over medium high heat until quite hot. Sauté carrot noodles and/or softened rice noodles (have them sit in hot water per box's directions) and add the sauce until coated. Move to one side of wok off direct heat. Next, add shallots, garlic, cilantro, onions and chicken, stirring continuously until cooked through; add more oil if necessary or desired.

Make a well in the center of the wok and add the eggs, scrambling. Mix all ingredients together (get an arm workout!). Remove from heat and work in the mung sprouts. Top with peanuts and extra lime juice (even garnish with cilantro if you feel fancy).

truffles. Thurs., March 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dancing Lion Chocolate, 917 Elm St., Manchester. Cost is \$65 per person. Call 625-4043 to register. Visit dancinglion.us.

### Kids classes

• PARENT/CHILD DINNER  
DATE: EASTER TREAT

Each parent and child (age 6+) makes a personal pizza and a macaroon Easter nest. Each team leaves with a dozen cookies. Fri., March 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Culinary Playground, 16 Manning Street, Suite 105, Derry. Cost is \$45 per team. Visit culinary-playground.com.

• CUPCAKE EASTER EGGS-  
TRAVAGANZA Learn to dress a basic vanilla cupcake with ingredients you can find at your local supermarket. Sat., March 26, from 2 to 3 p.m. New Heights Community Center, 14 Canterbury Road, Concord. Cost is \$10. See concordnh.gov.

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**DRINK**

## Easter wine

What to pair with a ham dinner

By Stefanie Phillips  
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The Easter holiday is next weekend, so here are some wine ideas to pair with a nice ham dinner. Ham typically pairs well with lighter wines like rosé, riesling and moscato. These wines range from dry to sweet, but can stand up to the saltiness of the ham. However, Wine Enthusiast also recommends pairing it with pinot noir.

Rosé is often mistaken as being similar to white zinfandel because of its color, but it is actually made with red grapes. The grapes are typically crushed and then left with the skins on for a few hours or a few days, which gives the wine its pink hue (and this length of time determines how deep the color is). It is typically dry, and is made in many parts of the world including France, Portugal, Spain (where it is known as rosado) and Germany.

For some local options, try Jewell Towne Vineyards' Steuben, a slightly sweet rosé with flavors of strawberries and pineapple, or their riesling, which is one of my personal favorites. Jewell Towne's riesling has hints of honey and orange and isn't overly sweet, or you could try the Cayuga White, which is off-dry and has hints of tropical fruit and melon. After all, pineapple is usually served with ham.

Sweet Baby Vineyard offers a pinot grigio that is unlike others I have tasted. Its recommended pairings are ham, chicken or seafood, making it versatile if your meal has several components. As an off-dry white, it is crisp and has hints of pineapple. I find it to be less acidic than others I have tried.

While we are talking about pineapple, Zorvino Vineyards has its PineappleZ and riesling wines on sale for \$11 during the month of March. As a side note, their PineappleZ is also excellent with Thai or other spicy food, so pick up an extra bottle for a later date.

Flag Hill Winery & Distillery also offers a Cayuga White that is bright and sweet, with notes of citrus and exotic fruit. It would also pair well with Easter dinner. If you like this wine, try Flag Hill's Cayuga Sparkling White for some extra sparkle. Finally, sweet wine fans will like La Crescent, a semi-sweet wine with notes of honeydew melon, pineapple and orange blossoms. This wine finishes crisp.

My favorite moscato is Ecco Domani, as I find it to be sweet but not sickly sweet like some others I have tried. Plus, it is affordable and easily found at most supermarkets. This wine also pairs well with spicy food,



Courtesy photo.

but I think it could be a great companion for ham and other elements of the Easter dinner.

### What I'm Currently Tasting

Some of you may have read about the tasting kit gift I received for Christmas and tried out recently. It contained one kit of small tasting bottles, and from there my preferences determined the six full bottles of wine shipped to me.

The shipment arrived this past week, so I opened the first bottle last weekend and tried it out: 2013 La Marquise Touraine Sauvignon Blanc. I really want to like French wines, but to be honest, they are not my favorite — yet. I am going to a French wine-themed event in a few weeks, so I am hoping this will help.

I really like sauvignon blanc, but this one seemed to lack the usual aromas and flavors you typically experience. I guess this isn't a bad thing as some can be overly aromatic and herbaceous. The aromas on this wine are better than the flavors, which I would describe as just so-so. However, this wine is recommended as an ideal pairing with fish, and I enjoyed it with a cold shrimp salad, so that was a nice combination. Overall it was fresh and crisp as described but lacked some of the typical pizzazz I find other sauvignon blancs to have.

I still have five bottles left from this shipment, so stay tuned for more reviews as I open additional bottles and try them out.



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## King, *We Are King* (King Creative)



This is the debut full-length from the Los Angeles girl trio, whose 2011 EP was so well-received in Billboard A-list circles (including Kendrick Lamar, who ripped a sample for his “Chapter Six” tune) that you knew they were going to catapult right to the top of the charts, unless of course they actually took time to read potential contracts, but nah, who does that. But maybe they did, whatever, this album is hilariously long overdue, which should earn points in any instant-gratification era. If you haven’t heard any of their material and went by the pundits, you’d expect this to be a mishmash of Brandy, Monica and Jodeci, but it’s more raw and simultaneously much more pretty than those bubblegummers of the past. Vocally, their floating, flawless symmetry on tunes like “The Right One” is more reminiscent of older radio-R&B such as Three Degrees — the fact that the beats are 1990s chill retrofitted with dream-pop makes one wonder why nobody’s really tried this before. The subdued afrobeat-trap ambiance of “Red Eye” seems slightly phoned in, but the idea here seems to be endless sea-breeze-billowing-the-bedroom-curtains perfection, which they achieve in spades. **A+** — *Eric W. Saeger*

## 3 Doors Down, *Us And The Night* (EMI Records)



I’m sure we’ve talked about this Mississippi quintet, whose 2002 hot “Kryptonite” was Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek’s theme song (I always wondered if Tek got sick of that song playing whenever he came up to bat, and if he actually requested it). Their last three LPs peak-charted in the Top 3 of the Billboard 200, mainly on the WWE-ready tensile strength of tough-guy ballads like “When You’re Young” — one gets the sense that if it weren’t for *Monday Night Raw*, these guys would be working at Red Lobster. This, their sixth full-length, only goes to amplify such sentiments, what with country-fied bounce-alongs like “In the Dark,” texted-in diesel-speed rockouts like “Still Alive” and the obligato emoting-for-dummies metal sort-of-ballad “Believe It.” In other words the usual formulae are in place; it wouldn’t be completely nuts to picture this band opening for Randy Travis or Goo Goo Dolls. There’s a beauty in all that, which, at the moment, eludes me completely. **B-** — *Eric W. Saeger*

## PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

- Producer/DJ/label head Ramble Jon Krohn goes by the name of **RJD2**, when he is gettin’ down with the techno, on stage, because who on Earth would buy albums made by someone named Jon? *Dame Fortune* is his 10<sup>th</sup> artist LP. “Peace of What,” the first single, is like something Warp Records would have committed murder for a few years ago, with shiny staccato funk-horn samples, a trippy stomp-dance beat and deep-soul vocals from Jordan Brown. Pretty neat, appropriately robotic, and yes, Jamie Liddell would definitely have committed crimes for this.
- Portland, Oregon, lo-fi heroes **The Thermals** are like a Gang of Four I’d actually listen to for more than two minutes. Their new album, *We Disappear*, features the single “Hey You,” a rare example of a song that has the right title — spazzy in a Hives-meets-Foo Fighters sort of way, perfect for pogoing (do kids even do that nowadays, and if not, why not?) or just trashing your little sister’s room right before the slumber party guests arrive.
- Next we have Welsh trio **The Joy Formidable**, with their new album, *Hitch*. This thing here says the band’s supposed to be shoegaze, except I’m listening to the single “The Last Thing on My Mind,” and it sounds like 1980s-grrrl-grunge, or kind of like Garbage. You should see this video, all sorts of short Playgirl-ready “Men In Motion” clips and ... wait, it’s naked guys all over the place, I probably wasn’t supposed to be on this page, I’m calling the police this minute.
- Maybe you were hip to Austin’s **White Denim** in 2013, when they put out their sixth album, *Corsicana Lemonade*. In fact, maybe you were one of the 3,000 people who actually bought one of those albums, helping them to get listed on the Billboard “Heat-seekers” chart. What’s that? Yes, just sell 3,000 albums, that’s all that’s required to become a Billboard “player” and eat caviar cutlets with Taylor Swift in a flying limousine. Then again, maybe all the “White Denim” talk is news to you, and you’d rather we discuss the early American-folk influences on *Led Zeppelin III*, because who cares about new bands. Well tough, we must make progress, not talk about 50-year-old albums. In White Denim’s case, “progress” used to mean not-really-dub songs that make me think of Joe Walsh singing for Spacemen 3, but progress moves on, you see, so the single “Holda You” from their new LP, *Stiff*, is a punkabilly-ish rockout with Mighty Bosstones horns, Elvis reverb and a little Foghat vibe... OK, OK, fine, what was it you wanted to know about Blue Oyster Cult again? — *Eric W. Saeger*

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# Literature on ice

SNHFSC presents *Novel Tales*

By Kelly Sennott  
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Walking into the JFK Coliseum this weekend will be like walking into a bookstore, complete with classic stories like *Harry Potter*, *Treasure Island*, *Oliver Twist* and *Charlotte's Web*.

Southern New Hampshire Figure Skating Club skaters ages 2 to 60 will perform as some of literature's most famous characters, and they'll do so against a jumbotron, bookstore backdrop and props that took about 50 people two months to build.

Spearheading the literary theme with this club's annual exhibition is show director Teri Nordle, who's been skating with the club since she was a kid herself. The idea came after perusing Barnes & Noble in Manchester this summer, looking for books for her son's upcoming fall college classes. "I was thinking, you could spend hours and hours in a bookstore and never get bored or see the same thing twice. It opens a world of imagination," Nordle said.

The exhibition promises creative costumes, sets and props. Each program tells a different story with special effects. The *Aladdin* number has an elephant, genie and Aladdin dummy that will fly via carpet from the top balcony. For *Alice in Wonderland*, the ice is topped with giant flowers, mushrooms and 48 skaters dressed in card costumes, and for *Matilda*, it holds a blackboard, desk and scary Miss Trunchbull. Fifteen cats in hats plus Thing 1 and Thing 2 will glide on the ice for a Dr. Seuss number, while a 10-foot Big Ben makes an appearance in one themed around *Oliver Twist*. For *Goosebumps*, skaters start the program inside a tent with flashlights.

"When we do *Charlotte's Web*, we're telling the whole story. Someone will be playing the role of Charlotte, dressed as a black spider with her chiffon sparkly web behind her. There will be barnyard animals, the mama goose and Wilbur, the famous pig who could talk. And we have Templeton the rat, who ate all the food at the fair," Nordle said.

The woman playing Templeton, in fact, returns to the ice after years of skating dormancy, reviving the role she played in the club's 1996 production.

"Twenty years later, she's coming back because her 5-year-old daughter is skating, and we wrangled her into becoming a coach with us," Nordle said. "Once people come to our club, they tend to stay for a long time. ... We're not training Olympians. We do have some competitive skaters, but we're a grassroots club. We teach kids who are figure skaters, hockey players, adults."



Skaters performing in SNHFSC Novel Tales. Courtesy photo.

Nordle's husband Ken Lajoie leads the production team for the annual exhibition. He grew up in a theater family and spent many after-school hours building sets for the Community Players of Concord. The day before the show, the club rents the entire rink and set up from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Members install special lights and assemble pieces across the ice.

"I definitely enjoy it," Lajoie said. "I enjoy the challenge of trying to make the reality of what [Nordle] has envisioned."

The show budget isn't huge. Some older skaters are required to put in volunteer hours, building sets, props or sewing costumes at "prop parties," the majority of which happen in the old St. Joseph School auditorium. Nordle has a longstanding relationship with the New Hampshire School of Ballet; her daughter learned to dance there, and the two companies help each other out with costume inventory.

But 2016 has been a good year for SNHFSC. The Learn to Skate program has taken off, with lessons three times a week, and this year's show has a cast of 80. Nordle credits great coaches, volunteers, the improving economy and the club's 50-plus-year history, standing as the longest-running skating club in the state.

"The economy plays a big factor, and it always has. I've been here through five decades of skating. Certainly the last 33 years I've been coaching here, I've seen it go up and down based on economic factors," Nordle said. "It's exciting to be able to come full circle, being able to develop the program where we're back on the upswing."

## See Novel Tales

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## The Guest Room, by Chris Bohjalian (Doubleday, 318 pages)

At Gibson's bookstore in Concord, New York Times bestselling author Chris Bohjalian read to the crowd from his newest book, *The Guest Room*. It's the story of Russian sex slave girls who have been brought to America and are now trying to escape the hell that their lives have become. It could have been comical when Bohjalian changed his voice at the beginning of the second chapter to imitate that of young prostitute Alexandra; however, it was anything but funny, and the crowd didn't laugh. It was simply too tragic, too unimaginable. Early in the story we learn about a bachelor party where the stripper-prostitutes are paid to perform dances and sex. At that party in fear of their Russian "bodyguards," who had recently killed another girl for talking to a detective, the girls snap and kill both of those men. The girls go on the run, and the Russian sex mafia wants to find and kill them.

The book is told in alternating viewpoints. In the chapters where Alexandra (at 15 she was given the name Alexandra because it was sexier than her original name of Anahit) speaks to the reader directly, we learn that her father died when she was young and her mother died when she was a teen. Alexandra was kidnapped from her grandmother (who was told she was going to live in Moscow to pursue dancing) and forced to become a sex slave.

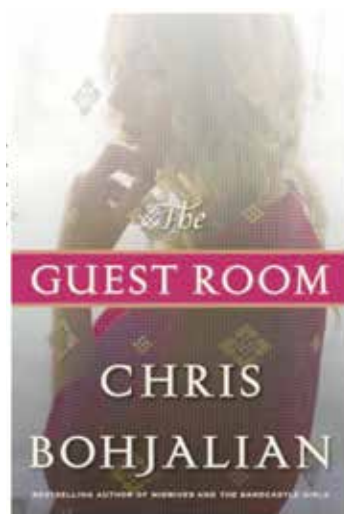
What follows is the heart-wrenching story of a girl whose sole purpose is to be used for sex contrasted with the story of Richard Chapman, the brother of the bachelor, who lives a life of privilege.

As in many of his other books, Bohjalian artfully draws comparisons between complete opposites. The Chapman family is very wealthy; the Russian girls are not allowed to own anything. The Chapmans have a young daughter who is pampered and protected; the sex slave girls endure violence and abuse as part of their job. Richard, as a result of the scandal, may lose his job and so hires an expensive lawyer to defend him. The Russian girls have no one who will speak up for them.

The Chapman chapters are easy to read. They tell of fine clothes and wonderful restaurant meals; the words slip off the tongue, elegant and refined. Alexandra's chapters are choppy and unsophisticated.

Chapman:

*Late that morning, a few minutes before Kristin and Melissa were going to leave the apartment for lunch and the matinee, Philip's fiancée called. Kristin was sitting on*



*the living room carpet with Melissa, helping her study for a quiz the child had on Monday about prime and composite numbers. When she saw on her phone that Nicole was on the line, she kissed Melissa on the top of her head and adjourned to the kitchen so she could speak to Nicole in private.*

Alexandra:

*During the last 2 weeks of my mother's life, I would sit beside her hospital bed and try and hold her hand. By then I was holding all bones. I would go there for a few minutes right after school and before dance, and then I would go again right after dance. It was amazing how quickly she deteriorated those last days. We could still talk when she went into the hospital for the last time, even if her sentences were short and often racked by a hacking cough. But by the end, I would just hold her hand. We didn't speak. When she slipped first into morphine cloud — when she finally stopped coughing and her body was no longer spasming in agony, and then into death, I was stunned.*

In its essence *The Guest Room* is a thriller. There is a murder, a chase, and there is

an ending. But it's also a story about so much more. It's a discussion about how unlucky the roll of life's dice may be for you. One roll, you're born in Russia to a poor family and you end up as a sex slave. Another roll and you're born to an affluent family. You get nice clothes and a first-class education that will let you have a career, a future.

As in many of Bohjalian's earlier books, he deftly takes an uncomfortable subject and twists it so that you can't help paying attention.

The idea for this book, Bohjalian told the crowd listening at the bookstore, came about because his daughter had invited a friend to come with them on a vacation in Europe. That friend had to leave sooner than the others and as a result needed to catch an early taxi ride to the airport. Bohjalian accompanied her to the hotel lobby to ensure she safely got the ride. There he saw a young girl, not much older than his daughter, and her friend paying the hotel concierge money to allow her to go upstairs. She was a young prostitute. Bohjalian started asking himself "what if?" What circumstances could lead to that situation and what becomes of those young unprotected girls?

*The Guest Room* is the result of Bohjalian's answering those questions to their logical conclusion. What does become of us all, when it's nothing more than a roll of the dice that separates us from each other? **A** — Wendy E.N. Thomas

### Books

#### Author Events

• **ADI RULE** Author talks about *The Hidden Twin*. Thurs., March 24, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com). Call 224-0562. Second event (Sun., April 3, at 1 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 45 Gosling Road, Newington.

• **MARTY KELLEY** Author talks about *Albert's (Almost) Amazing Adventure*. Sat., March 26, 1-3 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Milford. Visit [toadbooks.com](http://toadbooks.com). Call 673-1734. Second event Sat., April 16, at 1 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 45 Gosling Road, Newington. Visit [martykelley.com](http://martykelley.com).

• **LARRY CULTRERA** talks about *New Hampshire Dinners: Classic Granite State Eateries*. Sat., March 26, at 11 a.m., at Toadstool Bookshop, 12 Depot Square, Peterborough.

• **MURDER INK: COLLECTED STORIES** Pulp fiction from Plaidswede press, tales from a New England newsroom. Edited by Dan Szczesny. Six authors read from and discuss stories. Followed by signing. Sat., March 26, at 4 p.m. Gibson's

Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com). Call 224-0562.

• **GERALD BOURGEOIS** Author talks about *Wherever Flames May Rage: A History of the Concord NH Fire Department*. Sat., March 26, 10 a.m.-noon. Annie's Book Stop, 1330 Union Ave., Laconia.

• **GLORIA NORRIS** Author talks about *KooKooLand*. Wed., March 30, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com/event/kookooland](http://gibsonsbookstore.com/event/kookooland). Second event Sat., April 2, at 2 p.m., at Toadstool, 12 Depot Square, Peterborough.

• **EDIE CLARK** Author talks about *What There Was Not to Tell*. Wed., March 30, at 6:30 p.m. Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. Call 432-6140.

• **BRADY CARLSON** Author talks about *Dead Presidents: An American Adventure Into the Strange Deaths and Surprising Aftermaths of Our Nation's Leaders*. Wed., March 30, 6:30-8 p.m. Griffin Free Library, 22 Hooksett Road, Auburn. Visit [griffinfree.com](http://griffinfree.com). Call 483-5374.

• **SUSAN STRECKER** Author

talks about *Nowhere Girl*. Thurs., March 31, at 6:30 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Milford. Visit [toadbooks.com](http://toadbooks.com). Call 673-1734.

• **MICHELLE ARNOSKY** Author talks about new book, *Slavery & The Underground Railroad in New Hampshire*. Thurs., March 31, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Call 313-2665. Visit [arcadiapublishing.com](http://arcadiapublishing.com).

• **PETER ZHEULTIN** Author talks about *Rescue Road*. Thurs., March 31, 6-8 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord.

• **CHEF MICHAEL SOLOMONOV** Meet the chef, cook-book sale and signing event. *In Search of Israeli Cuisine* filmmaker Roger Sherman will also attend. Thurs., March 31, at 11:30 a.m. Angela's Pasta & Cheese Shop, 815 Chestnut St., Manchester. Will also attend. Fri., April 1, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, Lorden Plaza, Milford.

• **POET SHOWCASE: AN ANTHOLOGY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE POETS** Collection of poets present work in new anthology, published

by Hobblesh Books. Thurs., April 7, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com). Call 224-0562.

• **DAVID SEDARIS** Author event at Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com), Tues., April 12, at 7:30 p.m. \$42-\$45.

• **MICHAEL PATRICK LYNCH** Author talks about *The Internet of Us: Knowing More and Understanding Less in the Age of Big Data*. Wed., April 13, at 7 p.m. The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. \$42. Includes book copy, bar beverage, book signing meet-and-greet. Visit [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org). Call 436-2400.

• **JORIE GRAHAM** Pulitzer Prize-winning poet visit. Thurs., April 14. Colby-Sawyer College, 541 Main St., New London. Free. Call 526-3418.

• **MARK BODANZA, JOJO WHITE** Author and Boston Celtic basketball legend discuss *Make It Count: The Life and Times of Basketball Great JoJo White*. Thurs., April 14, at 7 p.m. Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester.

• **KATHERINE TOWLER**

Author visits Gibson's Bookstore to present *The Penny Poet of Portsmouth*. Thurs., April 14, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com/event/penny-poet](http://gibsonsbookstore.com/event/penny-poet).

• **NANCY CLOUGH** Author talks about *Searching for Barton Carter: The Story of a Young American Hero*. Fri., April 15, at 5 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com).

• **MARIA NOEL GROVES** NH author of *Body in Balance: An Herbal Guide to Holistic Self-Care* will discuss the Secret Lives of Garden Herbs: Their Medicinal Properties. Sun., April 17, from 2 to 3 p.m. Main-Street BookEnds, 16 E. Main St., Warner. See [mainstreet-bookends.com](http://mainstreet-bookends.com).

• **SCOTT ALLAN MORRISON** Author talks about *Terms of Use*. Mon., April 18, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com).

• **MONICA WOOD** Author talks about *The Once-in-A-Million Boy*. Tues., April 19, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gib-

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• **MOLLY GUPTILL MANNING** Author talks about *When Books Went to War: The Stories That Helped Us Win World War II*. Thurs., April 21, at 7 p.m. Red River Theatres, 11 S. Main St., Concord. Free. Visit [concordpubliclibrary.net](http://concordpubliclibrary.net).

• **JULIE ZICKEFOOSE** Author talks about *Baby Birds: An Artist Looks Into the Nest*. Mon., April 25, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com). Call 224-0562.

• **JOYCE MAYNARD** NH author talks about new novel, *Under the Influence*. Wed., April 27, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com). Call 224-0562.

• **BECKY FIELD** Presentation on NH's cultural diversity by local author/photographer, *Different Roots, Common Dreams*. Sat., April 30, at 1:30 p.m. Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. Visit [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org). Call 432-6140.

• **QUINCY WHITNEY** Author talks about *American Luther: Carleen Hutchins -- The Art & Science of the Violin*. Thurs.,



# Book Report



• **New Hampshire portraits:** Manchester native Gloria Norris visits Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord, on Wednesday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m., to talk about her memoir, *Kookooland*. The book is a portrait of working-class Manchester in the '60s and '70s, and a portrait of a family in crisis, said bookstore owner Michael Herrmann in a newsletter.

Then, on Thursday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m., Michelle Arnosky Shelburne talks about her book, *Slavery & The Underground Railroad in New Hampshire*, at the bookstore. According to Shelburne, the state was once a hotbed of abolitionist activity, even though it had its struggles with slavery, with Portsmouth having served as the slave-trade hub for New England. Visit gibsons-bookstore.com or call 224-0562 for more information.

• **All about Little Prince author:** New Hampshire Humanities presenter Scott Eaton talks about Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the French author and aviator who wrote *The Little Prince*, in a presentation Tuesday, March 29, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Goffstown Public Library, 24 High St., Goffstown, 497-2102. Saint-Exupéry was famous for both his work and his ideas, according to Eaton. The event is free, but registration to attend is requested. Visit goffstownlibrary.com.

• **Think your vote is unbiased?** Maybe it is, but more likely, it isn't. The Bedford Democratic Party presents a forum, "Who's in the Voting Booth With You," on Thursday, March 31, at 7 p.m., at the Bedford Public Library's McAllaster Room, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, 472-2300. Andy Smith, director of the UNH Survey Center, Chris Galdieri, assistant professor of politics at Saint Anselm College, and special guest Bill Shaheen will talk about how media biases affect and reinforce your thought process. Visit bedford.nhdems.org.

— Kelly Sennott

May 5, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

• **RICHARD RUSSO** Pulitzer Prize-winner talks about *Everybody's Fool*. Interviewed onstage by Virginia Prescott. Thurs., May 26, at 7 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. \$7-\$39.50. Visit ccanh.com. Call 225-1111.

## Lectures & discussions

• **ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY: THE MAN WHO WROTE THE LITTLE PRINCE** NH Humanities Council presenter Scott Eaton takes through the life of the man who wrote *The Little Prince*. Tues., March 29, at 6:30 p.m. Goffstown Public Library, 2 High St., Goffstown. Free. Visit goffstownlibrary.com. Call 497-2102.

• **"WITCHES, POP CULTURE**

**AND THE PAST"** Presentation by PSU professor Robin DeRosa. Wed., March 30, at 6:30 p.m. Hampton Falls Free Library, 7 Drinkwater Road, Hampton Falls. Visit hamptonfalls.org. Call 926-9642.

• **WHO'S IN THE VOTING BOOTH WITH YOU?** Presentation about how media biases affect and reinforce thought process. Featuring Andy Smith, Chris Galdieri, special guest Bill Shaheen. Thurs., March 31, at 7 p.m. Bedford Public Library, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford. Visit bedford.nhdems.org.

• **ZAMANAKOS LECTURE** Free lecture; Alexander Kitroeff talks about Archbishop Iakovos. Thurs., March 31, at 7 p.m. UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center, 50 Warren St., Lowell. Visit uml.edu.

• **RACISM: A HUMAN EXPERIENCE** Presentation by Brenda Bailey Lett and Laureille Woodlock Roy, forum on race, racism, family, privilege, motherhood in America. Mon., April 4, at 7 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free. Call 589-4610.

• **ADVENTURE TRIP TO YELLOWSTONE AND BIG SKY COUNTRY: THE MAGIC OF THE WEST** Presentation by outdoorsman Rick Little. Tues., April 5, at 7 p.m. Amherst Town Library, 14 Main St., Amherst. Call 673-2288. Visit amherstlibrary.org.

• **RESCUE ROAD: ONE MAN AND 30,000 DOGS** Presentation by freelance journalist/author Peter Zheutlin. Thurs., April 7, at 7 p.m. Amherst Town Library, 14 Main St., Amherst. Call 673-2288. Visit amherstlibrary.org.

• **"VACATIONLAND, NH: RUSTICATING IN THE GRANITE STATE"** NH Historical Society announces return of popular spring history course. Thursdays, April 7-May 12, 5:30-7 p.m. NH Historical Society, 30 Park St., Concord. \$95. Call 856-0604.

• **THE PSYCHOLOGY OF COLOR** Presentation by interior decorator Kelly Murphy. Thurs., April 7, at 6 p.m. Nesmith Library, 8 Fellows Road, Windham. Call 432-7154.

• **YOUR ORGANIZED LIFE STARTS HERE** Lorraine Falcone teaches the basics of organizing your home. Wed., April 27, at 6 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord.

## Other

• **NHWP THREE MINUTE FICTION SLAM FINALS** Tues., April 5, at 7 p.m. NHIA, 148 Concord St., Manchester. Free. Call 836-2157.

• **EXPLORING DERRY'S WILDLIFE THROUGH THE POETRY OF ROBERT FROST** Featuring local historian TJ Cullinane. Wed., April 6, at 6:30 p.m. Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. Visit derrypl.org. Call 432-6140.

• **DERRY AUTHOR FEST** Theme is "The Writer's Toolbox." Featuring 13 authors, illustrators, publishers, agents, offering panel discussions. Sat., April 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. Free. Visit derryauthorfest.wordpress.com.



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**The Divergent Series:****Allegiant (PG-13)**

**Shailene Woodley's Tris is still the one teen to unite them all in *The Divergent Series: Allegiant*, the third movie in a four-part saga about a teen girl who is leading a rebellion against a rigid social system.**

No, not the one with Jennifer Lawrence, the other one. And there's no maze or library of human emotion but it's understandable if it all starts to blend together for you.

As we return to the world of factions and walls in dystopian Chicago, we pick up pretty much where the last movie left off, with Kate Winslet's leader Jeanine dead and Tris's boyfriend Four's (Theo James) mom Evelyn (Naomi Watts) in charge. The people of Chicago are eager to go beyond the wall and find out about the rest of the world, including the people who created Chicago and the Factions many years ago as part of some experiment. But Evelyn thinks people should stay in the city — and sends her Factionless army to seal people in — and that now is a great time for some show trials.

Her people round up Erudites (members of the suit-wearing jerk faction) who used to work for Jeanine and start with the fake-y trials and summary executions based on the will of the mob. Now, after the authoritarianism of the Faction system, you'd think people would object a little more to this setup. And there is some objection, mostly from former Amity leader Johanna (Octavia Spencer), who eventually breaks away and forms her own group called the Allegiant. But most people seem to roll with it. Even Tris declines to take a stand — or at least it seems that way. But keeping to the corners and not getting involved turns out to be part of Tris's plan to get her brother Caleb (Ansel Elgort) out of mob rule jail.



*The Divergent Series: Allegiant*

Now just as much a fugitive from the new Factionless society as she was from Jeanine's Factions, Tris and a small group of her Dauntless (the badass faction) buddies, plus her brother, escape into the world beyond the wall. Eventually, the group meets David (Jeff Daniels), who runs a laboratory/military operation/obvious sinister thing at O'Hare airport. He tells Tris that not only is she Divergent, she's Pure and that Purity is going to help her help him save humanity.

If all of this sounds like confusing nonsense, then this is not your movie! Even more than previous Divergent movies, *Allegiant* is awash in mythology gobbledegook. We learn more of humanity's backstory — something about genetic fiddling that led to unrest and I guess nuclear war. Now, the O'Hare group is working to fix the messed up DNA of most humans something something experiment, which is why the walled city of Chicago and its faction system were created. As with *The Maze Runner*, the normal way of “doing science” in a lab with monkeys until you get a

vaccine or whatever is somehow deemed less effective than the creation of a new society complete with snazzy outfits and a bunch of rules. The movie is never able to explain its world in anything like a logical way, with every revelation bringing up new plot holes. This is exhausting and the only way a movie could overcome this much story quagmire is with really solid, engaging characters.

Unfortunately, *Allegiant* has none of those.

Tris and Four aren't interesting characters — not individually and not together. Four might be a muscly butt-kicking machine, but he seems like a robot who is powered down in between action scenes. Likewise Tris seems no savvier than she was at the beginning of the first movie. Woodley gives her none of the intensity that made Lawrence's Katniss such a compelling character long after I stopped caring about the overall story of *The Hunger Games*. Instead, we have a character who acts as though she knows what's up but blindly believes everyone all the time. Katniss' constant mistrust

of everybody made sense and seemed like a normal human reaction to growing up in an authoritarian society.

The only person who has normal human reactions to anything is Peter, Miles Teller's character. Peter is a bit of a problem for the movie. His character is the only one with really clear goals — self-preservation and finding a way to rise of the top of whatever society he's in. He's a bit of a villain, willing to work with whomever to get himself the better job and the cooler uniform, but he's also the guy with the best lines. He's fun but he's a good two steps away from the movie's central personal relationships. Not sure what his part in the book is, but in the movie he really isn't needed by the story. I suspect the people who need him most are the writers, who get to have their only real fun when they write for him.

One tertiary character is not enough to save this franchise, which had the misfortune of feeling like a lesser version of better sagas when it started and has only managed to get weaker with each entry. **C-**

*Rated PG-13 for intense action and violence, thematic elements, and some partial nudity. Directed by Robert Schwentke with a screenplay by Noah Oppenheim and Adam Cooper & Bill Collage (from the book by Veronica Roth), Allegiant is two hours and one minute long and distributed by Lionsgate.*

**The Bronze (R)**

**A bitter former Olympian can't get past her glory days in *The Bronze*, a terrible but fascinating comedy from Melissa Rauch.**

I'll admit, I don't watch *The Big Bang Theory*, which is Rauch's biggest credit. But this movie, which is actually pretty laugh-free and at times wearing to sit through, makes me want to see more that doesn't just star her but features her writing (this movie was co-written by Rauch and

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**March 25:** *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2* (PG-13) If you feel like you've been seeing the 2002 movie show up on cable a lot recently, the release of this sequel is probably why. Nia Vardalos returns, still married but now dealing with the imminent nest-leaving of her daughter. Meanwhile, the family will celebrate a new giant wedding. *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* (PG-13) Remember when the Internet freaked out over Ben Affleck playing Batman? Finally we get to see what all the fuss is about in this, the second of Zach Snyder's Superman movies.

**Reviewlets**

\* Indicates movies worth seeing.

**\**Deadpool* (R)**

Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin. It does not get more meta than this adaptation of the swearing, dirty-joke-telling, anti-hero hero Deadpool in this *X-Men* off-shoot that is fun from the moment the opening credits roll. **B+**

***Eddie the Eagle* (PG-13)**

Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman. A British ski jumper (the only British ski jumper around for the 1988 Olympics) struggles

to reach his goal of becoming an Olympian in this sweet but slight tale. **C**

***London Has Fallen* (R)**

Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman. The disposable action movie from 2013 gets a clunkier, more embarrassing sequel. **D+**

***The Revenant* (R)**

Oscar winner Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy. DiCaprio's wilderness guide character gets the stuffing knocked out of him by a bear and then wanders around the pre-Civil-War northern Midwest in this pretty but slow movie. **B-**

***Risen* (PG-13)**

Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton. A Roman soldier is tasked with keeping the peace and tamping down potential civil unrest after a rabble-rouser from Nazareth is crucified. If you like a good sandals-and-swords tale of Bibleness, this is your jam. **B**

**\**Spotlight* (R)**

Michael Keaton, Mark Ruffalo. Based on the true story of the Boston Globe's investigation into the Catholic Church's priest sex abuse scandal, this “best picture” Oscar-winning movie is an ode to expensive, exhaustive investigative

reporting and also a solid bit of storytelling chock full of great performances. **A**

**\**10 Cloverfield Lane* (PG-13)**

Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Goodman. A woman has been kidnapped or maybe rescued (or maybe both) by an end-of-the-world prepper in this offshoot of the 2008 *Cloverfield* movie. **B**

***Triple 9* (R)**

Chiwetel Ejiofor, Kate Winslet. The movie also features Casey Affleck, Anthony Mackie, Woody Harrelson,

Aaron Paul, Norman Reedus and Michael Kenneth Williams and yet somehow can't pull itself together enough to have the energy to really sell its tale of heists and dirty cops and the Russian mob. **B-**

***Whiskey Tango Foxtrot* (R)**

Tina Fey, Margot Robbie. Desk worker Tina Fey heads to Afghanistan to work as a war correspondent and finds life in the Kabubble (as the press corps calls it) exhausting and exhilarating. Wisely, this movie doesn't make pronouncements on The War but is more about what life in a high-intensity job can do to a person. **B+**



her husband, Winston Rauch). Just not more of this movie.

Hope Ann Gregory (Rauch) was once a gymnast bound for Olympic glory. Her whole youth was given over to practice and competitions, as we see in a video montage that starts with baby Hope at her mother's funeral and ends with teenage Hope at the 2004 Olympics. Though she starts strong, an injury ends her dreams of gold. But she continues on, competing through the pain, and winds up with a bronze and a season of glory for her never-give-up-ness.

That is now all more than a decade away. Though she still wears a bescrunched ponytail and a wall of bangs with her red, white and blue warm-up suit, she is clearly not in training for anything. She lives in the basement of her postman father's (Gary Cole) house and when she needs more cash (primarily, we suspect, for weed) than the overly generous allowance he gives her, she steals it from birthday cards and other pieces of mail in his truck. She spends her days loafing around her small Ohio town, using what's left of her local fame to get free pizza at the food court in the mall or free shakes at the local diner. She also tries to use the, ahem, allures of a gymnast to get free drinks at the local bar, but there are not a lot of takers in that department.

Even worse than this sad stasis is the knowledge that it might all soon go away. Local teen Mighty Maggie Townsend (Haley Lu Richardson) is now taking the gymnastics world by storm and is Olympics-bound herself. Though this younger girl idolizes Hope, Hope refuses to even look at this girl who might steal what's left of her spotlight.

But then Coach P (Christine Abrahamsen), Maggie's coach and Hope's former coach, dies, leaving Maggie in need of someone to shepherd her through an important international ranking competition. Though Hope wants nothing to do with this, she is persuaded to coach Maggie by the promise of a big financial payout. She ends up working with Ben (Thomas Middleditch), a former acquaintance whom she both berates and seems to like, and faces off against another former acquaintance, Olympian turned coach Lance (Sebastian Stan), a one-time boyfriend she now loathes. Though at first it seems like Hope's plan is just to ruin Maggie with fast food and abundant cursing, she comes to actually enjoy her new role.

Last week, I basically called *The Brothers Grimsby* a failure by giving it an "F." *The Bronze* is also, ultimately, a failure. But it is a fascinating failure. A glorious failure. It fails because it's weirder than it is funny, because there is something just a little too sketch-comedy about its comedy, because something — the timing? the writing? the editing? — is just a notch off but sometimes in comedy a notch is all it takes. It is so frequently almost funny, the way a pair of skinny jeans a size too small can almost fit. But, take a look in

the mirror, those pants don't fit and this movie isn't funny. I wish I could donate money to make this movie the delightful oddball comedy this could have been. I want to cheer this movie on somehow; I just don't want to watch it again nor do I suggest that you subject yourself to it.

*The Bronze* has a lot of strange but solid ideas. After years of watching man-child comedies, I like the idea of a woman-child comedy. Hope is selfish and deluded but she's also wallowing and pathetic in a way that is extreme but symbolic of a recognizable situation. It can be hard to let go of an identity, even when you've long outgrown it, especially if that identity brought you acceptance and feelings of accomplishment. What is Hope if she isn't, as she calls herself, an American hero? Holding on to that, however absurdly — Hope basically goes around in a kind of costume of her younger self so that people won't forget — makes sense if the alternative is being a directionless has-been who lives with her dad. Her growth process requires her not to learn to be nicer or even to find a new ambition but to learn to be OK with being the person she is now, essentially with being older. And because, as she says at one point, gymnastics is a young girl's game and she has turned into a woman, the movie also gets close to some thoughts about what that means in the wider world. To be a girl, especially in the celebrity sense, is to be something more universally desirable than to be a woman, who is by definition older — this is an idea the movie seems to be playing with. Or maybe I'm just giving the movie way too much credit for a few seemingly complex bits of dialogue and backstory. Anyway, my point is that *The Bronze* had potential to be both raunchily funny and smart about social commentary but it didn't quite get to either.

In Hope, Rauch creates an awful but totally compelling character, a distillation of immaturity and self-centeredness to rival anything in any Judd Apatow/Farrelly brothers/*The Hangover* R-rated movie I've seen in the last few decades. And it's refreshing — weirdly — to see that in a female character. Everything about the way the character is built and her reactions to events works, for the most part, but for some reason it is very seldom actually funny.

I'm ultimately not sure why this movie doesn't work. It feels like it should. So maybe it will be the early misfire in what becomes a solid comedy career. After nearly two hours being simultaneously baffled and kind of amazed, I'm cheering for Rauch to win, you know, next time. C-

*Very much rated R for strong sexual content, graphic nudity, language throughout, and some drug use. Directed by Brian Buckley with a screenplay by Melissa Rauch and Winston Rauch, The Bronze is an hour and 48 minutes long and distributed by Sony Pictures Classic.* 🍷

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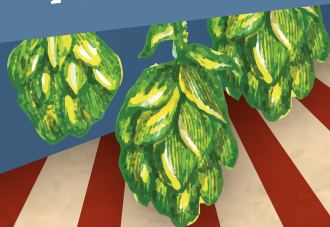




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- **Spotlight** (R, 2015) Thurs., March 24, at 2:10 & 7:30 p.m.
- **Where to Invade Next** (R, 2016) Thurs., March 24, at 2 & 7:55 p.m.
- **Creative Control** (R, 2016) Thurs., March 24, at 5:30 p.m.
- **The Lady in the Van** (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., March 24, at 2:05, 5:35 & 8 p.m.; Sat., March 26, at 1:15 & 5:45 p.m.; Sun., March 27, at 1:15 & 5:45 p.m.; Mon., March 28, at 5:25 p.m.; Tues., March 29, at 5:25 p.m.; Thurs., March 31, at 5:25 p.m.
- **Wild & Scenic Film Festival** Fri., March 25, at 6 p.m.
- **Hello, My Name is Doris** (R, 2016) Fri., March 25, at 1, 3:15, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.; Sat., March 26, at 1, 3:15, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.; Sun., March 27, at 1, 3:15 & 5:30 p.m.; Mon., March 28, at 2, 5:35 & 7:55 p.m.; Tues., March 29, at 2, 5:35 & 7:55 p.m.; Wed., March 30, at 2, 5:35 & 7:55 p.m.; Thurs., March 31, at 2, 5:35 & 7:55 p.m.
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- **Youth** (R, 2015) Fri., March 25, at 1:30 p.m.; Sat., March 26, at 1:30, 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Sun., March 27, at 1:30, 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Mon., March 28, at 2:10, 5:30 & 7:50 p.m.; Tues., March 29, at 2:10, 5:30 & 7:50 p.m.; Wed., March 30, at 2:10 & 7:50 p.m.; Thurs., March 31, at 7 p.m.
- **Identicals** (R, 2016) Sat., March 26, at 9 p.m.

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• **Freeheld** (PG-13, 2015) Fri., March 25, at 3 p.m.  
• **Jurassic World** (PG-13, 2015) Wed., March 30, at 1 p.m.  
• **Spare Parts** (PG-13, 2015) Fri., April 1, at 3 p.m.  
• **Forbidden Planet** (1956) Sat., April 2, at 11 a.m.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**  
31 College Drive, Sweeney Auditorium, 03301, 271-6484, ext. 4115, nhsti.edu, nhstudent-film.com  
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### THE MUSIC HALL

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• **Son of Saul** (R, 2015) Thurs., March 24, at 7 p.m.

• **Elvis Costello: Detour** Thurs., March 24, at 7 p.m.

• **Internet Cat Video Festival** Fri., March 25, at 7 p.m.

• **Janis: Little Girl Blue** (NR, 2015) Fri., March 25, at 7 p.m.; Sat., March 26, at 7 p.m.; Tues., March 29, at 7 p.m.; Wed., March 30, at 7 p.m.

• **Moscow Festival Ballet: Sleeping Beauty** Sat., March 26, at 4 p.m.

• **Macbeth** (R, 2015) Wed., March 30, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., March 31, at 7 p.m.

• **Madama Butterfly** (Opera Connection) Sat., April 2, at 11:30 a.m., discussion by Dennis Neil Kleinman; screening at 1 p.m.

• **NH Jewish Film Festival** Sun., April 3, at 1 & 3:30 p.m., screening of *Rock in the Red Zone* (documentary, 2015) and *Once in a Lifetime* (French subtitles, 2014) respectively

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## NITE Full throttle

Cold Engines gets in gear with new CD, NEMA nod

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• **Homecoming:** Subsequent to his top 12 finish on *The Voice* a few years back, **Josh Logan** spends a lot of time on the road. So it's special when the Manchester rocker returns for a hometown gig. Logan plays with his band, which includes locals Nate Comp and Paul Costley, with support from Chad Lamarsh, Mia Boostrom and Ananda Nakira, on Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. at Club ManchVegas, 50 Old Granite St., Manchester. Tickets are \$10 at eventbrite.com (\$15 at the door) for the 21+ show.

• **Upward:** Building on the success of her debut album, **Nicole Knox Murphy** will soon return to Nashville to make a follow-up. 2013's *Full Circle* earned the country singer plenty of accolades, including CD of the Year at the 2014 New Hampshire Country Music Awards. Her upcoming album, *Music is in My Heart*, promises a more pop sound. See her Friday, March 25, at 8 p.m. at Hill Top Pizzeria, 1724 Dover Road, Epsom. See facebook.com/nicole.knoxmurphy.

• **Alone together:** Area performers gather for **Easter Eve Solo Night**, including Patrik Gochez (Pat & the Hats), Mike Dunbar (Black Agnes), Brad Schneider (The Grebes) and a rare appearance from Lucas Gallo (JamAntics). Joining are up and comer Walker Smith, Jake Piper and The Reverend Todd Seely for what promises to be a lively song pull. Go Saturday, March 26, at 9 p.m. at True Brew Barista, 3 Bicentennial Square, Concord. See truebrewbarista.com.

• **Easter eats:** The piano styling of **Bob Kropel** accompanies a sumptuous brunch. Parents and kids can all join in an Easter egg hunt or eat more baked ham, roast lamb and pancakes than is normally allowed, wrapping up with dessert while enjoying a jazzy rendition of "Oh Happy Day." Go Sunday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schuster's Tavern, 580 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford. Call 293-2600 for reservations (\$24.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children).

• **Experimental:** Chicago-based musician, performance artist, dancer, filmmaker and educator **Muyassar Kurdi** is joined by a band including Concord instrument-maker David Kontak and Marc Bisson of Manchester on solo prepared guitar for a sonic evening. Kurdi's show "explores the relationship between abstract sound and meta-primordial movement." Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at Kimball Jenkins Estate, Carriage House, 266 N. Main St., Concord. See muyassarkurdi.com.

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Since David Drouin formed his "dream band" in mid-2014, Cold Engines has completed three albums. The latest, *Better Off Dead*, may be its best yet. A diverse 12-song offering, it brings the funk right away on the leadoff track "Show You Crazy." It then shifts gears to Ryan Adams-flavored Americana on the sweet "Sing to Me," a tune made mesmerizing by guest harmonies from singer-songwriter Sarah Blacker.

The rest of the disc delivers as well. There's tasty retro rock on "Waterfall" and the rave-up "Vegas Gold," and even a few jazzy interludes — literally; three tracks clock in at barely a minute. The four-piece band is clearly having fun, and Drouin's liberation from the stifling end of his previous band rings through every note.

Even though he spent a dozen years in The Brew, few of Drouin's songs made it into the studio. That frustrating fact changed with Cold Engines.

"It was hugely freeing to be able to write any kind of song I wanted and record it within a week," Drouin said in a recent interview. "To have nobody to answer to, to convince that it's good enough."

The project is both productive and energizing. Cold Engines includes ex-Brew drummer Aaron Zaroulis, percussionist Geoff Pilkington and bass player Eric Reingold (JamAntics, Greenlights), who recently took over for founding member Amelia Gormley. Everything still feels fresh, Drouin explained enthusiastically.

"It's incredible, because it's all pretty much new stuff at this point," he said. "The

### Cold Engines

**When:** Friday, March 25, 9 p.m.

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• **ANTJE DUVEKOT** at Red & Shorty's (4 Paul St., Dover 767-3305) on Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m.

\$25 - When speaking about her debut album, former Rolling Stone music editor Dave Marsh says: "This is a brilliant, brilliant album. I have had this reaction once in the last 10 years and that was the first time I heard Patty Griffin."

• **PURE BATHING CULTURE** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 3sarts.org) on Wednesday, March 30, 8 p.m. \$12 - American indie pop band from Portland, Oregon; the group's members - Sarah Versprille and Daniel Hindman - first met while college students in New

Jersey.

• **SUSAN WERNER / VANCE GILBERT** at Peterborough Folk Society (55 Hadley Road, Peterborough 318-9196) on Saturday, Apr. 2, 7 p.m. \$25/\$28 - Susan and Vance shared a stage at the New Bedford Folk Fest last summer and it was one part magic and two parts fun. Both are gifted singers, stylists and songwriters - as well as uniquely talented musicians and entertainers.

• **20TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE PARTY** at Lion's Club Hall (246 Mammoth Road, Londonderry 622-

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• **ISLAND CASTAWAYS BAND** at Gilford Youth Center (12 Potter Hill Road, Gilford bshallow066@gmail.com) on Saturday, Apr. 2, 5:30 p.m. \$50/\$90 for couples - Gilford Rotary Evening in Paradise features band playing tropical rock genre of music originally made famous by Jimmy



Cold Engines. Courtesy photo.

first record's no more than 15 months old and the second is not yet a year. The songs from this new one, people have been hearing for about a month. This much material so quickly is kind of asking a lot of our listeners, but we're getting good feedback."

There's also plenty of critical acclaim. The band is a Rock Act of the Year nominee at the upcoming New England Music Awards — a bit to Drouin's chagrin.

"We just put out a new album and got nominated for that award," he said. "That may have come a little too soon for such a new band."

When he's reminded that his "new band" has a burgeoning catalog of 30-plus tracks, Drouin stays humble.

"That's nice of you to say. A lot of those bands that were nominated have been around for seven, eight, 10 years," he said. "Here we are like this kind of new thing with a sound nobody knows how to classify. ... It's kind of strange, but I feel flattered."

The NEMA ceremony happens at Salisbury Beach's Blue Ocean Music Hall on April 9; the North Shore venue is near Drouin's home base. He's pleased to see his musical community get some recognition — and respect.

"A lot of these bands up here get completely ignored by the Boston scene," he said. "So it's cool that someone stood up and said, 'Here are the hard-working bands from New England, let's give them some attention.'"

Even his past success with the Brew didn't translate to deference in Boston when Drouin formed Cold Engines.

"It didn't really matter how many times I sold out the Paradise or was crushing the main stages in the city; I mean, we played House of Blues," he said. "It seemed like if you weren't friends with the right two dudes, you would be completely overlooked."

But Drouin is looking forward to a return on March 25 to the Shaskeen Pub in Manchester. He played the room frequently with The Brew, and several times since with his current band.

"I love it there, I think it's the coolest club in central-esque New Hampshire," Drouin said. "It's just this wonderful back room with all wood, good stage, good sound and we've never had a bad show there. You know going in it's going to feel good and you're going to have a great show. It's something in the walls." 🍷



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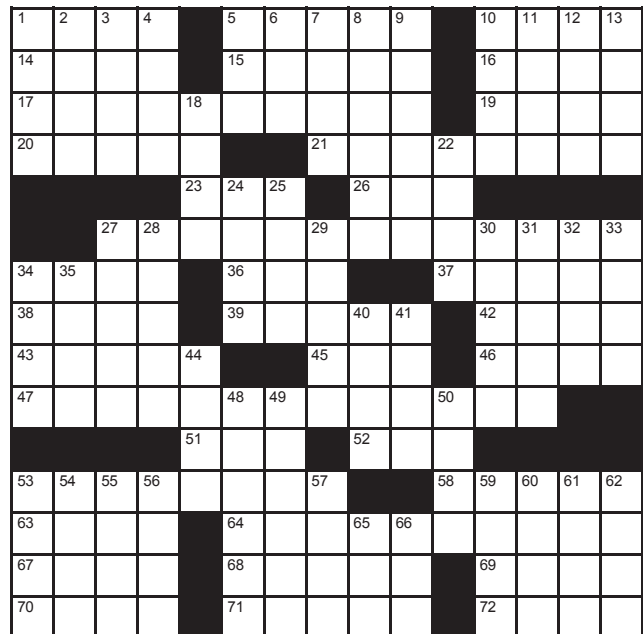
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## Across

1. Chris Isaak 'The Lonely \_\_\_'
5. Jack, Ginger, Eric
10. "Whisper words of wisdom, let \_\_\_" (2,2)
14. B-52s "\_\_\_ around the world"
15. Blind guitarist Jeff
16. Oasis 'I Can \_\_\_ Liar' (3,1)
17. Star has business ones
19. Dave Matthews 'Marching' band?
20. Live Jerry Garcia album 'Don't \_\_\_' (3,2)
21. Queens Of The Stone Age 'I \_\_\_ Ocean' (3,2,3)
23. After The Fire '\_\_\_ Kommissar'
26. 'To \_\_\_, With Love' Lulu
27. Jimi Hendrix '\_\_\_ Magic' (7,6)
34. Matchbox Twenty '\_\_\_ Need' (3,1)



36. Sing/songer Bern
37. 'Splish Splash' Bobby
38. Like ice-less parking lot drink
39. Cranberries '\_\_\_ My Family' (3,2)
42. "When I \_\_\_ you, I just close my eyes and I'm with you"
43. Wilson of Heart
45. Swing this for huge guitar strum
46. Leo and Nugent
47. Red Hot Chili Peppers vocalist (7,6)
51. Rick Derringer 'Rock And Roll Hoochie \_\_\_'
52. Joseph Arthur 'Out \_\_\_ Limb' (2,1)
53. Introduction to musical work
58. Number life Peter Criss is on?
63. "I'm so glad you have \_\_\_ track mind like me" Train (1,3)
64. 90s 'Everything About You' band

67. Egyptian goddess-inspired sludge metal band?
68. Smokey Robinson 'Just \_\_\_ Her' (2,3)
69. Ozzy opens a 'Trap' one
70. Clears, after recording expenses
71. Radio interviewer Howard
72. GE Smith 'Incense, Herbs, & \_\_\_'

## Down

1. Peter And The Test Tube Babies '\_\_\_ Annie'
2. "Snots running down his \_\_\_" Jethro Tull
3. Cheech & Chong 'Born In \_\_\_ LA'
4. Minneapolis supergroup Golden \_\_\_
5. 70s soul band \_\_\_-Lites
6. 'On The Beach' English sing/songer Chris
7. What Weird Al does to 'It'
8. Korn 'Freak On \_\_\_' (1,5)
9. Van Morrison sailed 'Into' it on '70 smash
10. Badfinger 'When \_\_\_' (1,3)
11. Woodstock necessity
12. Kiss "\_\_\_ I hear you calling"
13. What a natural plays with
18. Led Zeppelin '82 album
22. Guitarist Whitford of Aerosmith
24. Ozzfest 'Evolve' rockers
25. Goes with GnR's 'Bedouins'
27. Leaning Ani DiFranco song?

## 3/17



28. Every musician wants it perfect
29. How Robert Palmer will get 'Sally Through The Alley'
30. White of Santigold
31. New Wave band that never grew roots?
32. 'Said I Loved You...But I \_\_\_' Michael Bolton
33. "Before we go any further I want my \_\_\_" Everlast
34. 'Breathe (2 AM)' Nalick
35. What you do on Bill Withers?
40. Three member band
41. Prodigy song that foreshadows?
44. Sean Lennon's mom
48. Airbourne '\_\_\_ No Glory.' (2,4)
49. Cinderella 'Don't Know What \_\_\_' (3,3)
50. Filth of Cradle Of Filth
53. Jimmy Eat World "It takes my \_\_\_ away"
54. Paul Stanley tattoo
55. Beyonce 'Single Ladies (Put A Ring \_\_\_)' (2,2)
56. \_\_\_ Than Jake
57. Glenn Frey 'Somebody \_\_\_'
59. Meat Loaf "\_\_\_ anything for love" (2,2)
60. English production duo (hyph)61. 'Undertow' band
62. Stones 'I'm Yours, I'm \_\_\_'65. Tom Petty '\_\_\_ So Bad'
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Buffett and more recently by Kenny Chesney and Zac Brown, popular with people who live the Margaritaville lifestyle no matter what the climate may bring.

• **BEATLES TRIBUTE** at Epsom Central School Gym (282 Blackhall Rd., Epsom 568-5278) on Saturday, Apr. 2, 7 p.m. \$8 - Studio Two, The Rock & Roll Era Beatles Tribute Band, is returning to perform in support of the Epsom Central School Performing Arts Program.

• **REUNION TRIO** at Bedford Public Library (3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford 472-2300) on Sunday, Apr. 3, 2:30 p.m. Free. Friends of the Bedford Library season continues with afternoon music hosted by the Friends of the Library.

• **TRACY GRAMMER** at Red & Shorty's (4 Paul St., Dover 767-3305) on Sunday, Apr. 3, 8 p.m. \$25 - "Tracy Grammer is a brilliant artist and unique individual. Her voice is distinctive, as is her mastery over the instruments she plays." - Joan Baez.

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• **RHIANNON GIDDENS** at Phillips Exeter Academy (53 Front Street, Exeter 777-3453) on Tuesday, Apr. 5, 7 p.m. Free - lead singer of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, will perform as part of the Gilbert Concert Series.

• **LAURA GIBSON W/ ERIC OTT** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 3sarts.org) on Wednesday, Apr. 6, 8 p.m. \$12 - With clear-eyed honesty, urgency and warmth, her latest album *Empire Builder* succeeds in capturing the moment between loss and rediscovery.

• **BILL KIRCHEN** at Red & Shorty's (4 Paul St., Dover 767-3305) on Friday, Apr. 8, 8

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• **JARED STEER TRIO** at Amoskeag Studio (250 Commercial St. #2007, Manchester 315-9320) on Saturday, April 9, 8 p.m. \$15/advance -Welcome back John Funkhouser piano, Rob Gerry bass, Jared Steer drums performing original works by John Funkhouser and Rob Gerry, as well as some jazz standards.

• **NH FIDDLE ENSEMBLE** at Grappone Auto (506 NH-3A, Concord 661-1981) on Saturday, Apr. 9, 7 p.m. Benefit for New Hampshire Children's Trust - on its seventh year, this is much more than a community orchestra--they are a group of over 60 people ages 5 - 85, playing fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass, harp, cello and more.

• **ACES & EIGHTS BENEFIT** at Alpine Grove Ballroom (19 S Depot Road, Hollis 881-7030) on Saturday, Apr. 9, 7 p.m. \$20 - Play It Forward 2016 - A Night of Rock, Soul, and Swing featuring members of Aces & Eights, The Jivekats, and Nashua Community Music School students, faculty, and staff.

• **ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE** at I.B.E.W. Hall (48 Airport Rd., Concord 397-0042) on Sunday, Apr. 10, 6 p.m. \$10 - English Country Dance to live music No partner needed, all dances are taught and called Soft soled shoes (non street shoes preferred) to be kind to the floor. Casual

dress.

• **ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC** at Durham Public Library (49 Madbury Road, Durham 868-6699) on Wednesday, Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m. Come to perform, come to listen, come to relax. Acoustic Open Mic with Cheryl Sager and Peg Chaffee of Nice 'n' Naughty. Refreshments served.

• **SARAH NEUFELD, THE RIDGE W/ EARTHEATER** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 3sarts.org) on Wednesday, Apr 13, 8 p.m. \$15 - Neufeld is a violinist and composer based in Montréal, Canada. Best known as a member of Arcade Fire, she is also a founding member of the acclaimed contemporary instrumental ensemble Bell Orchestre

• **BALANCE & COMPOSURE W/ ROGER HARVEY** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 3sarts.org) on Thursday, Apr 14, 9 p.m. \$12 - A sonic assault melding influences such as Sunny Day Real Estate, Neutral Milk Hotel and Nirvana.

• **SONG OF THE LARK** at Wadleigh Library (49 Nashua St., Milford 249-0645) on Friday, Apr. 15, 7 p.m. Acoustic Café - NH based flute/guitar duo, has released their first CD recording, a mosaic of world music and music to soothe the soul.

• **REWIND: "JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH" 80'S DANCE PARTY** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 3sarts.org) on Friday, Apr 15, 9 p.m. \$10 - DJ James 808 from the NEO "Let's Dance! 80's Edition" returns to 3S Artspace for a night of 80's dance music all night long.

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**July 24**

**Seacoast  
Salutes**

**August 7**

**Country  
Fest**

**August 20**

**Hookfest**



**September 18**

**Harvest Moon  
Festival**

**October 2**

**Food Truck  
Festival**

**October 15**

**NH Brewfest**

**NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK**

**Shaskeen:** Cold Engines  
**Strange Brew:** Bruce Marshall  
**Whiskey's 20:** DJs Jason Spivak & Sammy Smoove  
**Wild Rover:** Stu 'n Chip

## **Merrimack**

**Homestead:** RC Thomas

## **Milford**

**Aden China:** DJ Brian  
**Pasta Loft:** Baby Jakes  
**Tiebreakers:** Steve Tolley

## **Nashua**

**Arena:** Project Mess Band  
**Boston Billiard Club:** Wooden Soul  
**Country Tavern:** Rudi Glen  
**Dolly Shakers:** Old No. 7 Band  
**Fody's:** Channel 3  
**Fratello's:** Chris Cavanaugh  
**Haluwa:** Terminal Velocity  
**Peddler's Daughter:** Bob Pratte Band  
**Riverwalk Cafe:** Mile Twelve w/ Avery Hill  
**Stella Blu:** Groove Cats

## **Newmarket**

**Riverworks:** Elijah Clark  
**Stone Church:** Best Not Broken with Doubting Gravity

## **Peterborough**

**Harlow's:** A Fine Connection

## **Plaistow**

**Crow's Nest:** The Take  
**Racks:** 3 Fat Cats

## **Portsmouth**

**Demeters:** Don Severance  
**Dolphin Striker:** Rhythm Methods  
**Fat Belly's:** DJ Cootz  
**Grill 28:** Alan Roux  
**Martingale:** Los Sugar Kings  
**Portsmouth Book & Bar:** People Like You  
**Press Room:** The Edd  
**Red Door:** Jay K The DJ & Damien Paul  
**Ri Ra:** Oskar Wilde  
**Rudi's:** Rob Gerry, Tom Robinson  
**Thirsty Moose:** Killer Tofu

## **Rochester**

**Radloff's:** Dancing Madly Backwards Duo  
**Smokey's Tavern:** Matt Gelinis

## **Seabrook**

**Chop Shop:** Pieces of Eight

## **Warner**

**The Local:** Walker Smith

## **Weare**

**Stark House:** Jonathan Lorentz

## **Saturday, March 26**

## **Amherst**

**La Belle:** Verona Quartet

## **Auburn**

**Auburn Pitts:** Nicole Knox Murphy

## **Concord**

**Hermanos:** Eugene Durkee  
**Pit Road Lounge:** Rory Scott Band  
**Tandy's:** DJ Iceman Streetz (105.5 JYY)  
**True Brew:** Solo Night - Lucas Gallo, Brad Schneider, Jake Piper, Todd Seely, Mike Dunbar, Patrik Gochez

## **Derry**

**Hilltop Spot:** Clint Lapointe

## **Dover**

**Cara:** Club Night w/ DJ Shawny O  
**Dover Brickhouse:** Thee Icepicks/Caught Flie/The Digs/American Myth  
**Fury's:** Superfrog

## **Epping**

**Holy Grail:** Rob & Dan  
**Telly's:** Brian Johnson  
**Tortilla Flat:** Gardner Berry

## **Epsom**

**Hilltop Pizzeria:** Sweet Rock

## **Gilford**

**Patrick's:** Abby Morin Due  
**Schuster's:** Dan Carter or Kevin Hackett

## **Goffstown**

**Village Trestle:** Jimmy Lehoux Acoustic Band

## **Hampton**

**Savory Square:** Carl Reppucci Jazz Trio

## **Hanover**

**Canoe Club:** Joseph Stallsmith

## **Henniker**

**Sled Pub:** Mack & Jack

## **Hudson**

**Capri Pizza:** Default

## **Laconia**

**Holy Grail Lakes:** Paul Hubert  
**Pitman's Freight Room:** Brandon Santini Blues Band

## **Lebanon**

**Salt Hill Pub:** Connption Fits

## **Londonderry**

**Coach Stop:** Marc Apostolides

## **Manchester**

**City Sports Grille:** JC Underhill Band  
**Derryfield:** Stomping Melvin  
**Fratello's:** RC Thomas  
**ManchVegas:** Without Paris  
**Midnight Rodeo:** Martin and Kelly  
**Murphy's Taproom:** Shana Stack Band  
**N'awlins:** Jazz Guitar Project  
**Penuche's:** Viral Sound & Blanket Party  
**Queen's Pub:** Stray Dog Band  
**Shaskeen:** Scissorfight  
**Strange Brew:** Jon Ross  
**Whiskey's 20:** DJ Hizzy/Shawn White  
**Wild Rover:** John Ridlon

## **Merrimack**

**Homestead:** Paul Luff

## **Milford**

**Aden China:** DJ Brian

## **Nashua**

**Boston Billiard Club:** DJ Anthem Throwback  
**Country Tavern:** Joe McDonald  
**Dolly Shakers:** Encircle  
**Fody's:** Casual 6  
**Fratello's Italian Grille:** Kieran McNally  
**Haluwa:** Terminal Velocity  
**Peddler's Daughter:** Groovin' You  
**Riverwalk Cafe:** Nat Osborn Band

## **Newbury**

**Salt hill Pub:** Alex Smith & the Mountain Sound

## **Newmarket**

**Stone Church:** Kenny Brothers w/ People Skills + Britt Connors

## **Peterborough**

**La Mia Casa:** Summoned / Conforza/Aberration/ She Walks Without Legs/ Morpheus

## **Plaistow**

**Crow's Nest:** Off Duty Angels  
**Racks:** Spare Change

## **Portsmouth**

**Birdseye Lounge:** New England To Nashville Showcase

## COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### **Friday, March 25**

#### **Amherst**

**Amherst Country Club:** Joe Yannetty/Drew DunnJack Walsh

#### **Meredith**

**Church Landing:** Moody McCarthy/Dave Cooperman (Kidsworks Benefit)

### **Saturday, March 26**

#### **Manchester**

**Headliners:** Marty Caproni

### **Monday, March 28**

#### **Concord**

**Penuche's:** Punchlines

### **Tuesday, March 29**

#### **Derry**

**Hilltop:** Alana Susko Comedy on Purpose

### **Wednesday, March 30**

#### **Manchester**

**Murphy's:** Laugh Free Or Die Open Mic

#### **Nashua**

**Arena:** Not Your Grandmother's Sexy Bingo

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**Portsmouth**  
Blue Mermaid: Side Car  
Demeters: Sounds of Sinatra  
**Dolphin Striker:** Nobody's Fault  
**Fat Belly's:** DJ Provo  
**Hilton Garden:** Dave Gerard  
**Martingale Wharf:** George Belli & the Retroactivists  
**Portsmouth Book & Bar:** Ray DeMarco and Friends  
**Press Room:** Madaila, Gretchen  
And The Pickpockets  
**Red Door:** Patrick Barry  
**Ri Ra:** Lestah Polystah  
**Rudi's:** PJ Donahue Trio  
**Thirsty Moose:** The Pop Disaster  
**White Heron:** Rob Duquette

**Raymond**  
**Cork n Keg:** Brendon Lepere

**Rochester**  
**Smokey's:** Pete Peterson

**Salem**  
**Barking Bean:** Dave LaCroix  
**Jocelyn's:** The Deviant

**Seabrook**  
**Chop Shop:** Wildside

**Warner**  
**The Local:** Brad Myrick

**Weare**  
**Stark House Tavern:** Malcolm Salls

**Sunday, March 27**  
**Bedford**  
**Copper Door:** Clint LaPointe

**Dover**  
**Cara:** Irish Session w/ Carol Coronis & Ramona Connelly  
**Dover Brickhouse:** Jazz Brunch  
**Sonny's:** Sonny's Jazz

**Gilford**  
**Schuster's:** Brunch - Piano w/ Bob Kropel

**Goffstown**  
**Village Trestle:** Blues Jam

**Hillsborough**  
**Mama McDonough's:** Brad Bosse

**Manchester**  
**Shaskeen:** Rap night, Industry night  
**Strange Brew:** Jam

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Open Stage with Lou Porrazzo

**Nashua**  
**Riverwalk Cafe:** Matt Savage  
Trio/Open Celtic Sessions

**Newbury**  
**Salt hill Pub:** Second Wind

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** Bluegrass  
Bureaux Cats

**Portsmouth**  
**Dolphin Striker:** Dana Brearley  
**Red Door:** Trap Night - Yung Abner  
**Ri Ra:** Irish Session  
**Rudi's:** Sal Hughes & John Hunter

**Rochester**  
**Lilac City Grille:** Brunch  
Music at 9:30am  
**Radloff's:** James McGarvey

**Warner**  
**Schoodacs:** Acoustic Brunch

**Monday, March 28**  
**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** John Franzosa

**Hanover**  
**Canoe Club:** Marko the Magician  
**Salt hill Pub Hanover:**  
Hootenanny

**Manchester**  
**Central Ale House:** Jonny Friday Duo  
**Fratello's:** Rob Wolfe or Phil Jacques

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Chris Cavanaugh

**Nashua**  
**Dolly Shakers:** Monday's Muse w Lisa Guyer  
**Fratello's Italian Grille:** Kelsie Hinds

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** Blues Jam w/ Wild Eagles Blues Band

**Portsmouth**  
**Dolphin Striker:** Old School

**Press Room:** Brad Hallen Trio  
**Red Door:** Hush Hush Sweet Harlot  
**Ri Ra:** Oran Mor

**Tuesday, March 29**  
**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** John Franzosa

**Dover**  
**Fury's Publick House:** Tim Theriault and Friends  
**Sonny's:** Soggy Po' Boys

**Gilford**  
**Schuster's:** Jazz Duo

**Hanover**  
**Canoe Club:** Bruce Gregori

**Manchester**  
**Fratello's:** Kim Riley  
**Shaskeen:** Zack Slik  
**Strange Brew:** Peter Parcek  
**Whiskey's 20:** Sammy Smoove & DJ Gera

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Paul Luff

**Nashua**  
**Fratello's:** Brad Bosse

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** Bluegrass Jam w/ Dave Talmage

**Peterborough**  
**Harlow's:** Celtic Music Jam

**Portsmouth**  
**Dolphin Striker:** Don Severence  
**Press Room:** Jazz Jam w/ Larry Garland & Friends

**Seabrook**  
**Chop Shop:** Bare Bones

**Wednesday, March 30**  
**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** Jon Lorentz

**Dover**  
**Fury's Publick House:** Cloud Nine

**Gilford**  
**Patrick's:** DJ Megan  
**Schuster's:** Dan Carter

**Manchester**  
**Fratello's:** Ted Solovicos  
**N'awlins:** Ukeladies

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Ryan Williamson  
**Tortilla Flat:** MB Padfield

**Nashua**  
**Fratello's Italian Grille:** Clint LaPointe

**Plaistow**  
**Racks:** DJ Sensations

**Portsmouth**  
**Demeters:** Dave Gerard  
**Dolphin Striker:** Pete Pederson  
**Press Room:** Brian Dolzani  
**Red Door:** Red On Red w/ Evaredy (Ladies Night)  
**Ri Ra:** Erin's Guild  
**Rudi's:** Dimitri Solo Piano

**Rochester**  
**Lilac City Grille:** Tim Theriault - Ladies Night  
**Radloff's:** Tony Santesse - Ladies Night

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**The Colonial Theatre** 95 Main St., Keene, 352-2033, [thecolonial.org](http://thecolonial.org)  
**Dana Humanities Center at Saint Anselm College** 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, [anselm.edu/dana](http://anselm.edu/dana)  
**The Flying Monkey** 39 S. Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, [flyingmonkeynh.com](http://flyingmonkeynh.com)  
**Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom** 169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, [casinoballroom.com](http://casinoballroom.com)

**Leddy Center** 38c Ladd's Lane, Epping, 679-2781, [leddycenter.org](http://leddycenter.org)  
**Lowell Boarding House Park** 40 French St., Lowell, Mass., [lowellsummermusic.org](http://lowellsummermusic.org)  
**Lowell Memorial Auditorium** East Merrimack Street, Lowell, Mass., 978-454-2299, [lowellauditorium.com](http://lowellauditorium.com)  
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**The Music Hall** 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org)  
**The Old Meeting House**, 1 New Boston Road, Francetown  
**Palace Theatre**, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)

**Prescott Park Arts Festival** 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, [prescottpark.org](http://prescottpark.org), 436-2848  
**Rochester Opera House** 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 335-1992, [rochesteroperahouse.com](http://rochesteroperahouse.com)  
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• **Billy Currington** Thursday, March 24, 8 p.m. Casino Ballroom  
• **All New England Jazz Festival** Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m. Silver Center  
• **Jon Pousette-Dart Band** Friday, March 25, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Celebration of Hendrix w/ Guy, Wylde, Shephard, Lane** Friday, March 25, 8 p.m. Casino Ballroom  
• **Livingston Taylor, Tom Chapin & The Divas** Friday, March 25, 8 p.m. Colonial Theatre  
• **John Mayall** Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey  
• **Tom Chapin/Livingston Taylor** Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House  
• **Overdrive Horns Dinner/Dance** Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Ultimate Guitar Experience** Thursday, March 31, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood** Thursday, March 31, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre  
• **Mokoomba** Thursday, March 31, 8 p.m. Music Hall Loft  
• **Second City** Friday, Apr. 1, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House  
• **Francis Dunnery** Friday, Apr. 1, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Mike Zito & The Wheel** Saturday, Apr. 2, 8 p.m. Tupelo

• **Juston McKinney** Saturday, Apr. 2, 8 p.m. Cap Center  
• **A Day In This Life: Music for a Purpose** Saturday, Apr. 2, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey  
• **John Waite** Wednesday, Apr. 6, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Joe Satriani** Thursday, Apr. 7, 8 p.m. Casino Ballroom  
• **Comedian Bob Marley (also 4/9)** Friday, Apr. 8, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre  
• **Queen Tribute (Gary Mullen & The Works)** Friday, Apr. 8, 8 p.m. Casino Ballroom  
• **The Weight (Songs of The Band)** Friday, Apr. 8, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey  
• **Livingston Taylor** Saturday, Apr. 9, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Rosanne Cash Duo** Saturday, Apr. 9, 8 p.m. Colonial Theatre  
• **New Orleans Suspects w/ Paul Barrere & Fred Tackett (Little Feat)** Saturday, Apr. 9, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey  
• **A Capella Showcase** Sunday, Apr. 10, 8 p.m. Colonial Theatre  
• **Kris Allen** Sunday, Apr. 10, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **David Sedaris** Tuesday, Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m. Cap Center  
• **Chick Corea & Bela Fleck Duet** Wednesday, Apr. 13, 7:30 p.m. Cap Center  
• **Brit Floyd** Thursday, Apr. 14, 8 p.m. Verizon Wireless Arena

• **The Hit Men** Friday, Apr. 15, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House  
• **John Gorka** Friday, Apr. 15, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Howie Day** Friday, Apr. 15, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Hit Men** Friday, Apr. 15, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House  
• **Atlantic Steps** Friday, Apr. 15, 7 p.m. Silver Center  
• **Nick Moss Band** Saturday, Apr. 16, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **The Church** Wednesday, Apr. 20, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Jimmie Vaughan & the Tilt-A-Whirl Band** Thursday, Apr. 21, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Andy McKee** Friday, Apr. 22, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Get the Led Out** Friday, Apr. 22, 8 p.m. Colonial Theatre  
• **Gipsy Kings** Saturday, Apr. 23, 8 p.m. Music Hall  
• **Jennifer Nettles** Saturday, Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m. Cap Center  
• **Colin Hay** Saturday, Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey  
• **Amber Rubarth** Saturday, Apr. 23, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Willy Porter** Sunday, Apr. 24, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
• **Nils Lofgren** Tuesday, Apr. 26, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
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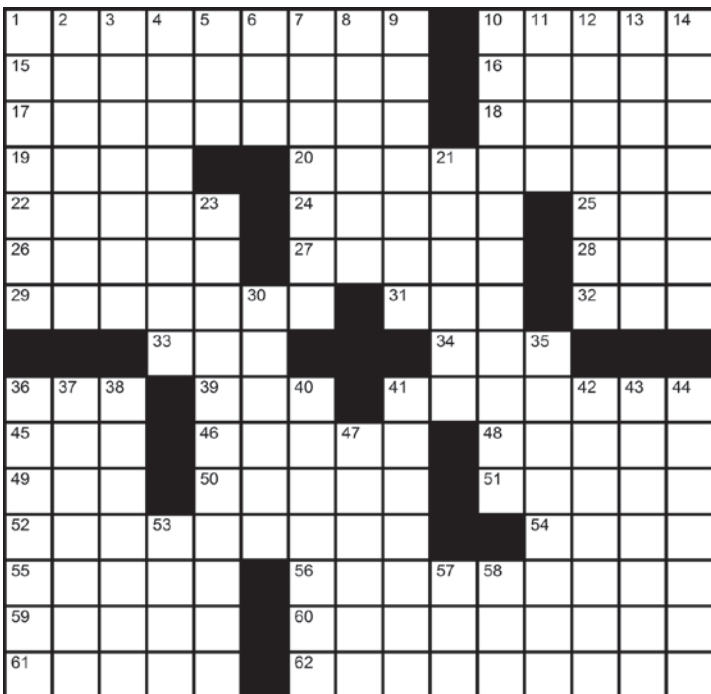
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# "Freestyle by the Numbers" — well, mainly one number

## Across

- 1 What did Yours Truly do on March 10th, 2016?  
 10 Drive away  
 15 Unhurriedly  
 16 Gymnastically gifted  
 17 Chemistry kit vessels  
 18 1999 Kevin Smith comedy  
 19 Old Peruvian currency  
 20 Like some early 20th-century abstract art  
 22 "Never have I ever been \_\_\_\_ 10



- in my whole life" (Rihanna lyric)  
 24 Alamogordo's county  
 25 "The Evil Dead" protagonist  
 26 Dressed to the \_\_\_\_  
 27 Legendary lawman Earp  
 28 Suffix with meteor  
 29 French city famous for its lace  
 31 Outback leaper  
 32 Cookie jar piece  
 33 "Spectre" director Mendes  
 34 "Letters from \_\_\_\_ Jima" (2006 film)  
 36 Broadcaster based in Toronto  
 39 Fido's foot  
 41 Ford line of trucks  
 45 The Land of \_\_\_\_ (setting of Finn and Jake's Cartoon Network show)  
 46 Diciembre follower

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- 48 NRA piece?  
 49 Elvis's record label  
 50 Type of restaurant featured in Hulu's "11.22.63"  
 51 Historic river of Paris  
 52 "Things done," in legal terms  
 54 "The Killing Fields" Oscar winner Haing S. \_\_\_\_  
 55 Prefix before modern or marathon  
 56 "\_\_\_\_ Time" (Finn and Jake's Cartoon Network show)  
 59 Braid of hair  
 60 They display information in wedges  
 61 Cultivated land  
 62 Those who signed up

## Down

- 1 "From Russia With Love" Bond girl Romanova  
 2 Knife, e.g.  
 3 Author of the "Goosebumps" books  
 4 Social media users, e.g.  
 5 In good physical shape  
 6 Home of the Beavers, for short  
 7 Massage table activity  
 8 Peace talks objective  
 9 Long-running CBS sitcom of the 2000s  
 10 Structures that help transmission  
 11 Psyche parts  
 12 Braid on one side  
 13 Peruvian volcano  
 14 Removed by percolating  
 21 Belgian beer brand Stella \_\_\_\_  
 23 Get out of a perilous situation  
 30 Muscat natives  
 35 Avenue next to Reading Railroad, in Monopoly  
 36 Crooked  
 37 Blind singer Andrea  
 38 Shorefront  
 40 Lost one's mind with excitement  
 41 A long time to wait, it seems  
 42 "Yeah, that seems about right"  
 43 1983 movie about Guatemalan immigrants  
 44 Cassandra, for instance  
 47 Enter, as data  
 53 Sandpaper coarseness measure  
 57 Author Umberto who died in 2016  
 58 Lady Byng Memorial Trophy org.

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**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** It's very difficult to explain the effect the first blues record I heard had on me, except to say that I recognized it immediately. You will encounter the new and the familiar.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** I really don't know if this promotion stuff serves any real purpose. I've always been resistant to it, and it's not unusual for me to do a week of promoting and then meet someone on the street who will ask, "Are you still making records?" Forget promoting, just work on your work for now.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** The album *The Road to Escondido* was "done and dusted" within the month, but it had changed shape. Rather than just another E.C. record with J.J. producing, it was now a duet album owing to the fact that I wanted J.J.'s contribution to be larger. You and a partner will work well together.

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** What I loved about America was that it seemed such a broad breeding ground for different acts and talent, and different forms of music. You could be in a car and tune the radio to a country music station, a jazz station, a rock station, a blues station, or an oldies rock station. Why limit yourself?

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** In the excitement of just forming the group, one thing had slipped our minds, and that was, right up to the last minute before we were to go onstage, we had no name for ourselves. Go for a straightforward name.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** As I worked to improve my playing, I was meeting more and more people who had the same respect and reverence for the music I loved. It could be a good time to start a club or join a meetup.

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** Being thrown

out of art school was another rite of passage for me. I got brought up short by the sudden realization that all doors weren't going to open up for me for the rest of my life, that the truth was that some of them were going to close. You've got more than one door to choose from.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)** We'd go off in our own directions, then hit these coincidental points in the music when we would all arrive at the same conclusion, be it a riff or a chord or just an idea, and we would jam on it for a little while and then go back into our own thing. Your team is really in sync this week.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)** We hadn't bought an amplifier, so I could only play it acoustically and fantasize about what it would sound like, but it didn't matter. You don't need an amplifier.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)** Music began to take up so much of my life that it was no surprise that my work at art school began to suffer. It was my own fault that things went this way, because initially I had been really gripped by the experience of getting involved in a life in art. I was quite hooked by painting, and to a certain extent by design. You can have music and art!

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** Fishing is an absorbing pastime and has a Zen quality to it. It's an ideal pursuit for anyone who wants to think a lot and get things in perspective. Try it, you might like it.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** Much as I loved this guitar, I soon found out that it wasn't that good. ... Something more profound also happened when I got this guitar. As soon as I got it, I suddenly didn't want it anymore. This phenomenon was to rear its head throughout my life and cause many difficulties. Think about why you wanted it in the first place.

## NITE SUDOKU

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By Dave Green

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4	9	5	8	2	3	6	1	7
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## Glaciers and gender

University of Oregon professor Mark Carey produced a 10,300-word journal article in January proposing a new sensitivity to Earth's melting icecaps: a "feminist glaciology framework" to "generate robust analysis of gender, power and epistemologies" with a goal of more "just and equitable" "human-ice interactions." The jargonized, densely worded tract suggests that melting icecaps can be properly understood only with more input from female scientists since, somehow, research so far disproportionately emphasizes climate change's impact on males. (The New York Post reported that the paper was funded by a National Science Foundation grant of \$412,930.)

## Chutzpah!

Trying to put (as a critic charged) "lipstick on a pig," Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder boasted in March that the lead-in-the-water crisis plaguing the city of Flint for months now had actually spurred job growth. Though Snyder has been heavily criticized for tight-fisted budgeting that enabled the crisis, 81 temporary workers have been recently hired to hand out bottled water so that residents would not have to hydrate themselves with poisoned municipal water.

## Can't possibly be true

A senior federal administrative law judge recently claimed (and then, for good measure, repeated and emphasized) that, in his experience, "3-year-olds and 4-year-olds" do not need the help of lawyers to advocate for them in immigration proceedings. Teaching those kids their rights, Judge Jack Weil said, "takes a lot of time" and "a lot of patience," but there is no need for government to provide lawyers. (Weil, a U.S. Department of Justice employee, was contesting an American Civil Liberties Union claim at a recent deposition in an immigration case in Seattle.)

Homeless people frequently store their few possessions in commandeered shopping carts, but New Yorker Sonia Gonzalez, 60, became a legend recently on Manhattan's West Side by maneuvering a stunning, block-long assemblage of more than 20 carts' worth of possessions along the sidewalks. Among the contents: an air conditioner, a laundry hamper, shower curtain rods, a wire shelving unit, wooden pallets, suitcases and, of course, bottles and cans. She moved along by pushing carts two or three at a time, a few feet at a time, blocking entrances to stores in the process. (The day after a New York Post story on Gonzalez's caravan, Mayor DiBlasio ordered city workers to junk everything not essential, leaving her with about one cart's worth.)

## Questionable judgments

Mexico's latest female accessorizing craze is shellacking tiny dead scorpions onto fingernails, using the second-most venomous species of the arachnid, selling briskly at the Miss Unas parlor in Durango. In fact, while in town (according to a London Daily Mail dispatch from Durango), shoppers may check out the Raices restaurant, which pioneered tacos filled with still-wriggling scorpions (that had been soaked in surgical alcohol to neutralize the venom).

## Latest religious messages

Power of Prayer: (1) Businessman Induvalu Suresh cut off, and donated, the little finger of his left hand recently at the Hindu pilgrimage site Tirupati, India, as homage to the gods for the granting of bail to prominent India leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, who are charged with fraudulent business practices in a case heavily politically weighted. (2) In October, a regional court in Nizhegorodsky, Russia, decided that the Russian Orthodox Church could pay off part of a debt for its new boiler spiritually. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, the church can settle the remaining debt, equivalent to \$6,585, to the boiler company by paying \$2,525 in rubles and the remainder by prayer.

## Awesome!

In a suburb of Newcastle, Australia, in February, workers using a crane extracted a 1-ton snake-like mass of sewage (mostly "wet wipes" unwisely flushed down toilets) from an underground pipe with the gummed-together sludge reaching a height

of more than 20 feet when the crane finally yanked the whole thing up. Said a representative of the water company, "(Y)ou'll flush the toilet, and the wet wipe will disappear," and you think (wrongly) it's therefore "flushable."

• Making Canada Great Again: Syrian refugees arriving at the airport in Vancouver, British Columbia, have been warmly greeted personally in a video by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, but in March some were inadvertently booked into the same hotel that was hosting the fifth annual VancouFur convention of "furries." Anthropomorphic, full-suited tigers, dogs, bears, foxes, etc., roamed the hotel, leading London's The Independent to report that the child refugees loved every minute, playing with the furries and posing for pictures.

## Leading economic indicators

The Cash Economy: China's Peoples Daily reported in January that Mr. Cai Zhanjiang (described as "tuhao," or "uncultured but still well-off") had just purchased a new truck from a dealer by driving another truck to the showroom and unloading 100,000 renminbi (about \$15,300 U.S.) entirely in small bills — a stash weighing about a half-ton. Shanghaiist.com also noted a story from June 2015 in which a man (likely also tuhao) bought a new vehicle with the equivalent of \$104,670 almost all in coins.

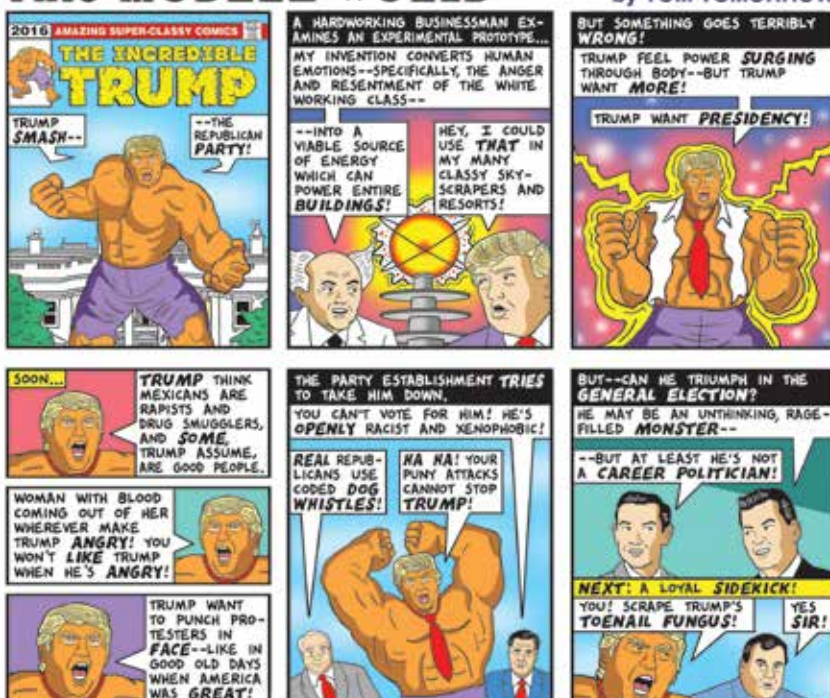
## Yee-hah!

The Tennessee senate voted in February to make its official state rifle the .50-caliber Barrett M82 rifle (big in the sniper community, with a range of 1.1 miles).

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